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CHARLTON TEAM-GROUP



SOUTHAMPTON recently presented their manager Lawrie McMenemy with an inscribed silver salver and cigarette box to mark the club's memorable F.A. Cup victory in May, 1976.

The club also gave silver cigarette boxes to secretary Keith Honey (left) and coach Jim Clunie.

A fine gesture by Saints.

Unwanted by Wolves

STEVE KINDON was delighted to rejoin Burnley from Wolves for £60,000, even though they are struggling. He said: "I feel I'm joining a club where I'm wanted."

The long-striding forward, who cost Wolves £100,000, added: "In the five-and-a-half years at Molineux I never felt I got a fair crack of the whip. I was always in and out of the side. Even when I thought I was playing well I was dropped."

"Now I am delighted to be back at Turf Moor. I've always had a big admiration for Burnley manager Harry Potts and I am determined to help the club climb the Second Division table."

EX-LARNE defender Albert McClenaghan's £20,000 move to Fourth Division Watford recently meant no fewer than four of the East Antrim outfit's stars had been transferred to cross-channel clubs within a few weeks.

The McClenaghan deal followed hard on the heels of the £80,000 triple-move of Jim Hagan and Paul Thompson (to Coventry), and Colin McCurdy (to Fulham).

JOHNNY GILES, who has brought Shamrock Rovers into a challenging position for League of Ireland honours, will face personal problems when the League resumes after its mid-way break this month.

Three of the experienced players who have been regulars in the side — Eoin Hand, Dennis Burnett and Dave Irving — are moving to new clubs.

Hand is rejoining his former club, Portsmouth, Burnett has taken a player-manager's job in Norway, and Irving returns to his American club, Fort Lauderdale.

FULHAM WANT SUNDAY SOCCER

FULHAM hope to give their sagging gates a boost by introducing Sunday morning football to Craven Cottage.

The Second Division club's attendances have dipped alarmingly this season — when their home games have clashed with those of neighbours Chelsea.

It's a ridiculous situation Fulham are determined to do something about.

Already they have re-arranged three of this season's home games for Friday nights. But given the choice they would like to play most of all on Sunday mornings.

Chairman Ernie Clay explains: "When Sunday football was allowed during the power crisis of four years ago gates boomed."

"It seemed everybody wanted to go out and watch football on a Sunday and its introduction was welcomed by all."

"We have got to open our shop when the public want to come in and sample the goods — so Sunday football must come back."

"And if you played on Sunday mornings it would be a great time out for all the family. Because the pubs would not be open before the kick-off it would cut out hooliganism and the family could get a good lunch in the restaurant of our Riverside Stand."

Fulham's plan seems to make sense to us. Let's hope the powers-that-be at Lytham St. Annes and Lancaster Gate give a lot of thought to it.

'MY HERO'

PETER REID, Young England captain and one of the stars of Bolton Wanderers Second Division Championship bid, models his game on former Scottish international maestro Ian St John.

Says 21-year-old Reid: "St John was my hero as a lad. I used to be on The Kop at Liverpool watching every match as a schoolboy. What I particularly liked about him was his sharpness, and the tremendous will to win that he showed."

Although a Liverpool fan Reid turned down chances to sign for both Everton and Liverpool as an apprentice pro, and instead chose Bolton Wanderers "because there was something I liked about the atmosphere."

Now he says: "I've never regretted that decision."

ANDY ROBSON, 18-year-old son of Ipswich manager Bobby, is fast making a name for himself as a full-back — at RUGBY. Andy made his debut for Ipswich's Rugby Union Club recently and is rated a highly-promising prospect.

Lack of support angers John Bond

STRAIT-talking Norwich City manager John Bond has been hitting out at the apathetic soccer fans of East Anglia.

Angry at Norwich's poor attendances this season — average home crowds of less than 20,000 despite the team's excellent start — Bond told SHOOT: "It's galling. When I was with West Ham I used to think how good Norwich supporters were, but since I've come here I've got more and more disillusioned."

"They keep going on about Norwich's 1959 F.A. Cup side, but this is the best football we've played since then and if they can't come and support this present team, they don't deserve anything!"

Bond admits the poor response of the Norfolk public

makes him frustrated enough to think of leaving Carrow Road: "I would itch to get away from here if it wasn't for two factors — I've got a marvellous board and a marvellous set of players."



NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

Danny v Martin Junior?

IT WAS more than a little ironic the Northern Ireland-Eire European Championship draw should arrive at a time when moves were afoot to combine the two Irish teams.

This first-ever clash between the two Irelands at full level may bring back memories for Northern Ireland boss Danny Blanchflower, who figured in the last official All-Irish team, which drew 0-0 with Wales, at Wrexham, in March, 1950.

That was colourful Danny's second Ireland appearance, and, continuing the Irish irony, his centre-half colleague on that occasion was none other than Southerner Con Martin (Aston Villa), whose son, Mick Martin, the West Brom and Eire midfielder, may now be opposing his dad's old club and international team-mate!

On a recent visit to Northern Ireland, F.I.F.A. President Dr Joao Havelange, indicated that, to field a combined Ireland team, there would need to be one national Association in the Emerald Isle, and not two, as at present.

In any case, the All-Ireland football dream has diminished for the time being — both Northern Ireland and Eire, in Euro competition with England, Bulgaria and Denmark, have more urgent matters to attend to.



'SUPER' TIPS

MALCOLM MACDONALD (above), is full of encouragement when it comes to passing on the benefit of his experience to youngsters.

In his new book 'WIN' published by Pelham, he gives some very sound advice to young lads with professional football ambitions.

"Don't judge the clubs on the basis of their size and reputation."

"You should make a point of going to watch each of the teams in action. You should make a note of how many players, former club apprentices and juniors are now playing in the first team."

"Do the clubs produce a fair percentage of first team players from their own backyard — or do they rely heavily on big money signings while juniors drift away?"

● The Republic of Ireland have arranged a friendly with Poland to be played at a Polish venue on April 12. Officials also hope to arrange a game in Scotland and another against Turkey in Dublin in preparation for the European Championship.

Charlie's the Wright man for York

YORK, relegated to the Third Division in 1975-76 and to the Fourth a year later, have been having a pretty grim time of it.

But they can expect a big lift from new manager Charlie Wright, who was rated one of the jokers of the game in his many years as a fine Football League goalkeeper.

It was nothing to see Charlie turn from his goal and have a joke with the fans behind him. Mind you, there was never any danger lurking near his goal at the time.

Charlie, who served Workington, Grimsby, Charlton and Bolton, was rated a first class 'keeper.

He moved to York after a spell as chief coach at Bolton. And it's a fair bet Bootham Crescent will see the gloom clouds lifting before long.

As well as being a likeable personality, Wright can always be expected to give his club everything he has.

This was shown in 1971 when he withdrew a transfer request at Charlton. He did so and explained his reasons in a letter to the directors:

"In view of the relegation crisis I realise 100 per cent effort and loyalty is needed by everybody to help Charlton."

Charlton went on to avoid the drop by one place. Charlie was allowed to go at the end of the season. The following term Charlton did, in fact, drop out of the Second Division.

Repeat Jackie Charlton—but later



ON THE DOLE

EX-CELTIC star George Connelly, who walked out on football two years ago, is now on the dole after losing his job as a labourer at a Fife power station. He only watches football on TV these days — and that includes next year's World Cup Finals when, if he had continued playing, he would have been a certainty to be in Scotland's party.

MANCHESTER UNITED'S England international defender Brian Greenhoff is glad he is back in the team after being sidelined with knee and ankle injuries.

For Brian — like so many top players, a poor spectator — found he was getting splitting headaches watching United from the stand.

"I believe it was caused by nervous tension," he says. "When you are out there playing, you can relieve this tension — but I discovered you can't do it sitting watching."

'SKILFUL SOCCER WITH JACK CHARLTON' — the excellent Trident Television coaching series — changed the Saturday and Sunday morning timetables in many homes.

Like the last series it became compulsive viewing and should sell well abroad and, again, F.I.F.A. will undoubtedly study it closely.

When repeated, let us hope the various TV stations will screen it at a time (not 9am or 9.30am but, say, mid-day) when it can "educate" the greatest part of the football playing or supporting public.

SHOOT spoke to David Jones, Producer of the second series, who was naturally happy with its reception, particularly by professionals. Mr Jones had some illuminating things to say: "Usually television directors want to break a show down . . . do it in short takes . . . rehearse something, then film it for five minutes. Jack couldn't come to terms with that at all, he said 'Look, I've spoken all over the world — you just let me know where your cameras will be and I'll perform in front of them'."

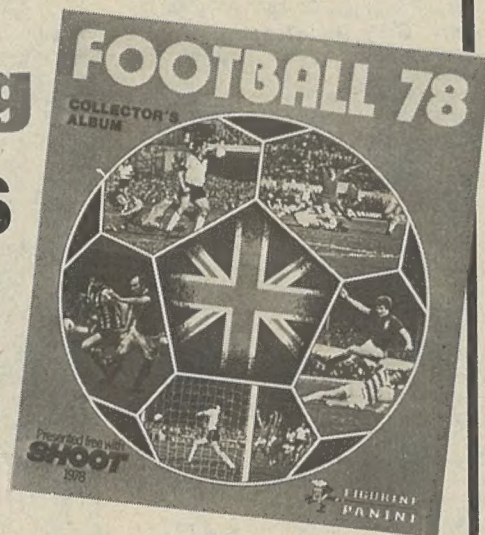
"To have broken the filming down would have ruined Jack's spontaneity. When he coaches the youngsters he never makes two lessons the same. He reacts to what the kids do in front of him. He is a great coach."

● Jackie and some of his players were tickled pink recently by the antics of pantomime dame Jeff Briggs, who is appearing in panto in Sheffield.

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STAR DEFENDERS CHOOSE

Who are the most on-form strikers in the First Division this season? We asked four top defenders to name the attackers they rate highly — and give their reasons.



'Gray is red hot'

WILLIE YOUNG (Arsenal)

THE three strikers I reckon are bang on form this season are all well-known — Trevor Francis, Andy Gray (right) and my own Arsenal colleague, "Supermac" himself.

As Terry says, Trevor Francis just hasn't got a weakness and I think he's the best player in the country for all-round ability... although he is probably not quite so good in the air as he is on the ground.

But he's got to be admired for his speed, quickness on the turn and superb finishing power. He is always a real handful for any defence.

My fellow-Scot Andy Gray is really talented. Apart from being red hot in the air, he has superb ball control and the vital ability to force defenders into making mistakes.

Also, he knows how to get into the best scoring positions — and so rarely misses when he gets a chance.

Malcolm Macdonald is another man who will always give defenders a hard time.

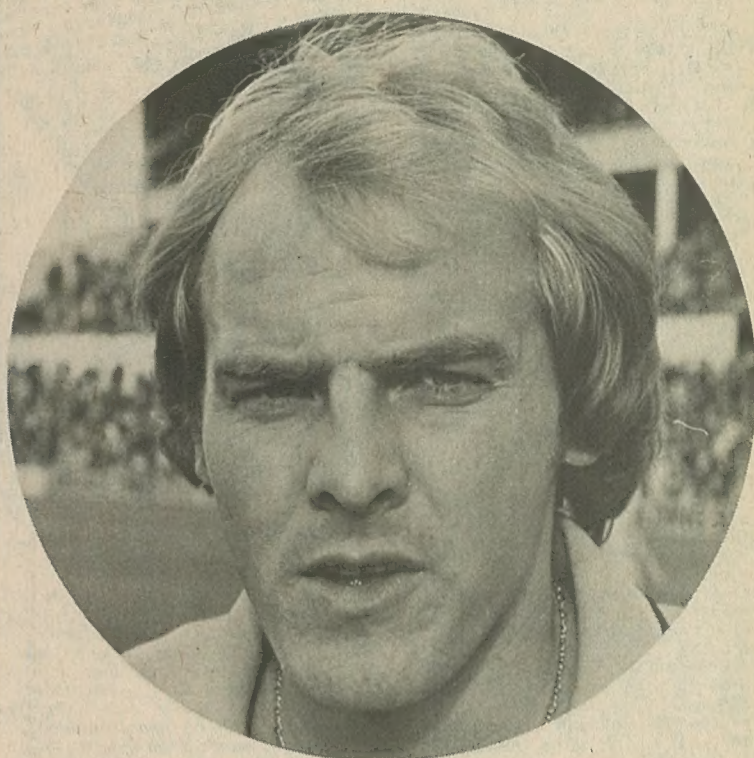
He is good in the air, and has a tremendous left foot. Also, he is completely unpredictable, which makes him even harder to mark.

And he can score from almost anywhere on the field. A 30-yard shot is nothing for him.

I know he hasn't got as many goals as people thought he would so far this season, but that isn't entirely his fault.

The way we have been playing with patient build-ups, things have got tight by the time the ball has come to him and he hasn't got such a good chance.

But, believe me, he is still playing brilliantly and I'm sure the goals will really start coming back for him in a big way.



'Francis can beat the odds'

TERRY YORATH (Coventry)

I'M A FIRM admirer of Birmingham's Trevor Francis (right) and what I have seen of him this season has done nothing to make me doubt he's the top striker — although I'm glad Ron has mentioned our pair at Coventry.

Trevor has got everything a top striker needs — superb control, brilliant passing ability and speed and power.

And no one can deny he knows how to get goals — sometimes when the odds are stacked against him.

Also, and I don't want to upset anyone at Birmingham, another thing which impresses me about him is he is outstanding week in and week out in what is not really a very good side. It takes some player to do that.

My old club, Leeds, also have two very impressive strikers in Ray Hankin and Joe Jordan.

Ray is strong and powerful and has teamed up ideally with big Joe. The two look certain to score a lot of goals between them.

Another twosome spelling big troubles for opposing defences this season are Forest's John Robertson and young Tony Woodcock.

Robertson has been around for some time, but I must say I think he is in brilliant form right now. I've been tremendously impressed with his play.

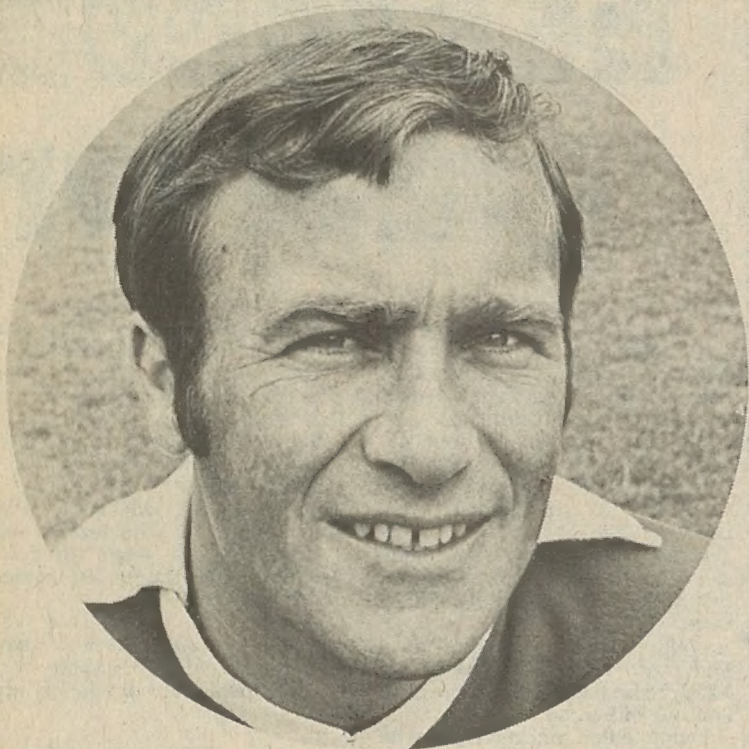
He is willing to take defenders on right the way through the game — and has the ability to beat them, too.

But one aspect of his play I find most telling is his ability to fire over dangerous crosses **WITHOUT** beating the full-back first. In other words, he knows just when to get the ball over to create most danger.

Woodcock looks a great find for Forest, and I admire the way he takes his chances. He appears to have a fine future.



THEIR ACE ATTACKERS



'Coventry's double act are on song'

RON HARRIS (Chelsea)

MY VOTE goes straight away to the two men from much improved Coventry — Mick Ferguson and Ian Wallace (right).

They might be a relatively new partnership, but for my money they are probably the best "double act" strike force in the First Division this season — both are really on song.

One of the main reasons for their success, is they are the perfect foil for each other. Ferguson is big, brave and strong. Wallace is small, nippy and has some great touches.

With his height, of course, Ferguson is probably the most dangerous at crosses and corners. He knows exactly where the goal is.

Wallace is smart on the ground, but can also get up well in heading duels.

They have already scored a fair number of goals between them this season, and I see them scoring plenty more. I was very impressed with them when we played Coventry.

The other attacker who has really caught my eye this term is West Brom winger Willie Johnston. I'm not at all surprised he has returned to the Scottish international side with such an impact.

He is terribly difficult for any defence to keep under control. He can play on either flank, turn full-backs inside out and has wonderful speed and ball control. Also, his crosses are always dangerous.

I know there is a lot of fuss being made about Peter Barnes of Manchester City this season, and I agree he is a fine young winger who looks sure to play a lot for

England.

Also, I agree he is probably the more exciting player of the two.

But Willie still gets my vote ahead of him — probably because of his extra experience.



'Our Charlie for England'

COLIN TODD (Derby)

I'M NOT leaving Derby for my choice as the best striker in Britain at the moment — Charlie George (right).

Honestly, I have never seen a player with the vision of Charlie. It is unbelievable and I'm glad I don't have to face him every week.

He is blessed with an incredible amount of skill and, if he can maintain the sort of form he's been showing — like his marvellous display against West Ham — I rate him a certainty to get back into the England side.

England are also fortunate to have such a forward as Steve Coppell of Manchester United. I'm glad he has been recognised this season because, frankly, I thought he was rather under-rated by a lot of people last term.

For a little fellow, he is surprisingly strong to knock off the ball and is blessed with plenty of skill and speed.

But I must admit I'd like to see him tried up the middle, as I believe he would be even better there than on the wing. He certainly makes a lot of goals, and I think he could score plenty, too.

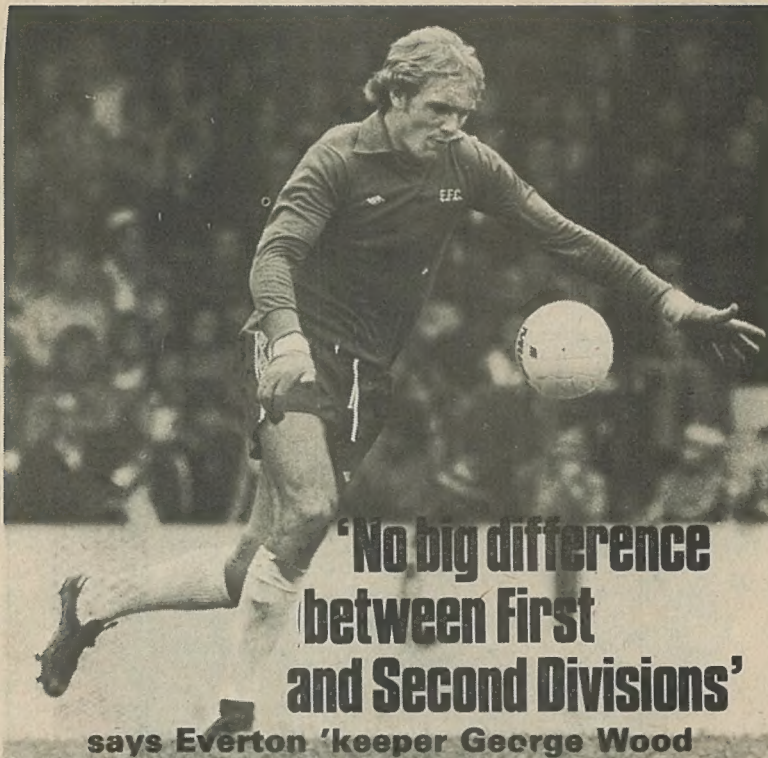
Another young player who has impressed is Tony Woodcock of Forest.

I'd never seen him play before this season, but I think he's got what it takes to reach the very top — with England as well as at club level.

His main strengths seem to be he likes to take people on and is fast in the box.

There is no doubt in my mind he is the type of striker who will always be in there among the goals.





'No big difference between First and Second Divisions'

says Everton 'keeper George Wood

A COOL customer on and off the field — that's the goalkeeper with Everton, who after living in the shadows of Liverpool on Merseyside for so long, have emerged as a side to rate with the best.

Everton's fantastic pre-Christmas unbeaten run of more than 20 matches is an achievement of amazing dimensions in English football, the toughest League in the world.

Gordon Lee, the man behind the Everton revival, hardly needs reminding that in almost any other European country, an unbeaten run of that length would have virtually guaranteed Everton the League Championship title already. As it was, Everton went into the holiday period only SECOND — next to Forest.

Behind those facts lies the story of a remarkable young man who has defended the Everton goal this season. With the spotlight falling on players like Dave Thomas, Bob Latchford, Martin Dobson and Andy King, George Wood seems to be the odd man out.

But Wood has ignored all the fuss and quietly got on with his job between the Goodison goalposts. And he's made a fine job of it after his £145,000 transfer from Blackpool.

Wood isn't surprised Everton have done so well, or that he's found such good form so early in his Goodison career. The only thing that surprised him was the transfer itself.

He explains: "I never imagined I'd be joining Everton. They seemed to have lined up a deal with Leeds for David Harvey. Of course, I knew Blackpool would be selling either Mickey Walsh or myself. But even then, I thought Mickey would be the one to go."

"Blackpool needed the money. But it came as a big shock when they said Everton wanted me. I thought the Harvey deal was going through."

"It's a marvellous set-up at Goodison, really first-class. In training, I find we do more work

with the ball than we did at Blackpool. There, it was more running and physical stuff but the difference is very obvious in training at Goodison.

"We've some great players and you expect such performers to do well. In goal, I've always had faith in my ability."

"I simply believe there isn't a big difference between the two Divisions if you're a goalkeeper. After all, it doesn't matter which League you're playing in — the shots are the same and you've got to save them."

"I don't look at a forward coming towards me and think he's the highest goalscorer in the First Division. I don't think about him — just how to deal with the shot he produces."

"Experience is really all I've got to get. I'm only 24 and have some way to go before I can call on the same sort of experience as players like Clemence or Shilton. Things like experience with angles, experience on when to stay on your line, when to come off it for the high crosses..."

"A goalkeeper must learn to try and cut down on his mistakes during the course of a season. Last term with Blackpool, I reckon I made five — and that probably cost us five goals. This season, I want to reduce it to three if possible — and next season, even further."

"Life for me is very different in every respect since I left Blackpool. This is really the sort of club I've always wanted to play for. Big in ambition, big in aims and big in every way especially with facilities. Blackpool can never really hope to be as big a club as Everton — the potential simply isn't there."

"But for Everton, all things are possible. Gordon Lee is a great guy to play for because he's got us all into a marvellous spirit and frame of mind. We hope we can win something this season, whatever it is, for him. He has really got us believing in ourselves and that's a great thing to do."

'European great for

THE subject of the majority of letters I've received over the past couple of months is Manchester United's inconsistent League form and our early exit from the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Fans are concerned about our failure to keep up with the First Division leaders and make any real progress in Continental competition.

A few of the letters are just abusive. They are unsigned, of course. But at least it proves the writers care!

Well, so do I and all the lads at Old Trafford. Do you think we are happy to be halfway down the table and out of Europe?

I commented on United's League position recently. This week I want to concentrate on Europe.

The thought we now have to wait four or five months to see if the team can qualify for one of the competitions next season is almost unbearable.

I'm still bitterly disappointed United are no longer in the Cup-Winners' Cup. At the start of the season I was really confident we were going to win the trophy.

Last season's failure against Juventus in the Second Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup had taught us a

valuable lesson. Our team were a year older and wiser... knew what to expect from the Continentals.

Our spirits soared even higher after defeating St-Etienne in the First Round.

But then we blew it... or rather a trip to the Middle East for a "friendly" did.

Before leaving we had to have anti-cholera jabs. The vaccine was still giving us ill-effects when we flew out to Portugal for our first-leg match with F.C. Porto.

This and the fact several key members of the side, such as Stuart Pearson and Brian Greenhoff, were injured, helped our opponents win 4-0.



Their skilful forwards and tough-tackling defenders took full advantage of a weakened United. But for the efforts of Lou Macari and Martin Buchan their tally might have been higher.

United proved our real quality by staging that sensational second-leg recovery.

We beat the Portuguese 5-2. But that remarkable achievement wasn't enough to take us into the Third Round.

Eric Gates powers his way through to hammer home for Ipswich in their tremendous U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round first-leg match v. Barcelona.



success for United — Britain

What a tremendous performance that was at Old Trafford. The Reds were full of skill, aggression and attacking power. No team could have lived with us at Old T. that magical night last November. It was certainly the best game I have played in.

Millions saw the action on TV. The papers were full of it next morning. The club buzzed with excitement for days afterwards. You wouldn't have believed United had lost on aggregate!

That reaction proved to me just how important it is for the whole country that United find success in Europe.

No disrespect to Liverpool, but Man. U. are still the country's most glamorous club. Fans expect us to do well. Our success, especially on the Continent would act as an incentive to other top clubs. Especially Manchester City.

Playing against Europe's leading teams confirms my belief we have little to learn from the Continentals.

Talk of Britain being years behind Europe is rubbish. So is speculation that their top stars will eventually come to this country to play.

As much as I'd welcome foreigners in our League I can't see many of them signing for our clubs... unless the British tax laws are changed.

That's not likely to happen. In fact I read recently they are to get worse for high wage earners.

For leading professionals success on the field often means failure in the pocket.



Steve Coppell turns away after scoring United's first goal against F.C. Porto at Old Trafford.

The more you are rewarded for winning honours the more the tax people take. There is no incentive to do well.

Although few of our players have found real success abroad, I fear more will snap up the bait of the German mark, French franc and Spanish peseta.

How long can our clubs hang on to stars such as Trevor Francis, Trevor Brooking, Peter Barnes and Ray Wilkins?

If we are not careful our soccer will suffer in the same way as other professions.

It's tragic so many of our top doctors, teachers and engineers have taken their talents to other countries.

As regular readers of my column will know, I wouldn't mind playing abroad one day. Not only would it broaden my playing experience, it would boost my bank balance as well.

Kevin Keegan's transfer to Hamburger SV for half-a-million pounds made quite a few players sit up and take notice in this country.

They suddenly realised they could earn security for life in just one move.

Don't worry, United fans, I'm not planning to join the tax exiles in Europe. Not for quite a while, anyhow.

I may not go to the Continent at all. My eyes are on the States.

I thoroughly enjoyed my spell with the Chicago Sting a few years ago. I fell in love with America.

More and more of our players are ending their careers out there. I hope to do the same.

Just time now to mention United's League match at Ipswich Town this Saturday (January 14th).

What a terrible shock their U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round defeat by



Gordon, with a little help from daughter Kerry-Elaine, deals with some of his fan mail.

Barcelona was this season.

They thrashed Johan Cruyff and his men 3-0 at Portman Road in the first-leg to virtually assure themselves of a place in next Spring's Quarter-Finals.

"The result was beyond my wildest dreams," said their manager Bobby Robson after the game.

It was a fabulous display. Surely they wouldn't let a three-goal advantage slip in the second-leg, as they did against Bruges in Belgium two years ago. But they did.

Barcelona beat them 3-0 to level the scores on aggregate, and then went through on penalties.

The brilliance of Cruyff, the acrobatics of their goalkeeper Artola and atrocious bad luck robbed Ipswich of joining Aston Villa in the closing stages of the tournament.

I was so upset for them and my England mate Paul Mariner. To lose after such a great display at Portman Road must have been dreadful.

European competition is a different game for English clubs over there.

Like our boxers abroad, you have to smash them into next week to win. The referees seem so biased towards the home teams it's untrue.

But back to the First Division. Ipswich beat us 2-1 in last season's corresponding game. It was a disappointing game for United.

I scored what I thought would have qualified for the goal of the season, but the ref disallowed it because Jimmy Greenhoff was judged to have been offside.

Although, like United, the East Anglians aren't having a good time in the League, Portman Road is still a tough place to pick up points.

I'll be happy to share of the honours this weekend. My pal Paul Mariner won't agree with that, though.

Before I close, a word to all those readers who have written to me. I will be answering some of your letters in SHOOT soon.

Cheers for now...

Gordon Strachan



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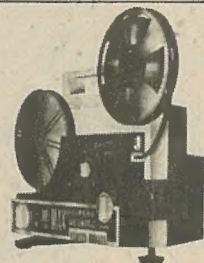
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CHARLTON

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; All records to the end of the 1976-77 season)

LAWRENCE ABRAHAM: Striker who joined Charlton from Barkingside for whom he scored 36 goals last season. Signed in May, 1977. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.5.

LES BERRY: Defender who signed professional in January, 1974 and has since become a regular first team player. Born London. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 12st. L. App:— 53 and 1 sub. G:— 3.

TONY BURMAN: Midfielder or striker who signed professional in August, 1976. Was once an apprentice with Queens Park Rangers. Born London. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.8½. L. App:— 11. G:— 3.

DAVID CAMPBELL: Defender who was an Associated Schoolboy when he made his League debut for Charlton. Signed professional in June, 1977. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— 1 and 2 sub.

BOB CURTIS: Long serving defender who signed professional in January, 1967. Born Derby. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.3. L. App:— 330 and 13 sub. G:— 35.

ALAN DUGDALE: Central defender signed for £50,000 from Coventry City in October, 1977. Born Kirkby. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 12.8. L. App:— Coventry 138 and 3 sub.

MIKE FLANAGAN: Striker signed professional for Charlton in August, 1971, after being an amateur with Tottenham. Now one of the finest goalscorers in the Football League and is much sought after by the top clubs. Born Ilford. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.3. L. App:— 184 and 13 sub. G:— 56.

STEVE GRITT: Promising young midfielder or striker signed from Bournemouth in July, 1977. Born Bournemouth. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.6. L. App:— Bournemouth 4 and 2 sub. G:— 3.

HUGH MCAULEY: Winger signed from Plymouth Argyle in December, 1976. Born Bootle. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— Tranmere (on loan) 13, Plymouth 76 and 1 sub, Charlton 24. G:— Tranmere (on loan) 1, Plymouth 7, Charlton 5.

WILLY O'SULLIVAN: Eire Youth international striker who signed

An Army can have the finest gun in the world, but without ammunition it is useless. The principle applies in football also. You can buy the best marksman in the League, but without a good service, he might just as well play in the back-four. So the reason why Charlton Athletic have had two of the finest scorers in recent seasons in Derek Hales and Mike Flanagan has been their ability to give them two wingers who supply the crosses top strikers thrive on.

First it was wingers Mike Flanagan and Colin Powell who made the goals for Hales, who soon became a hot property in the transfer market. Now it is Powell and Hugh McAuley who provide the service for Flanagan.

Perhaps it may pay certain other clubs to follow Charlton's example. Flanagan and company are reasons why Charlton are among the clubs fancied for promotion this season.



Charlton manager Andy Nelson (above) had a fine career as a centre-back. Began with West Ham in 1953 and in 1958 moved to Ipswich Town where he won First and Second Division Championship medals before joining Orient in 1963 for a season and finishing with five years at Plymouth from 1964-69. Appointed manager of Gillingham in 1971 and steered them to promotion from Division Four in 1974. Within weeks he had moved to Charlton and they won promotion to Division Two in 1975.

RECORD VICTORY:
8-1 v Middlesbrough, Division One, September 12th, 1963.

RECORD DEFEAT:
1-11 v Aston Villa, Division Two, November 14th, 1959.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
61 in Division Three (South), 1934-35

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Ralph Allen 32 in Division Three (South), 1934-35.



Goal-maker and goal-taker together. Keith Peacock (above left) and Mike Flanagan. Alan Dugdale (below, left) was signed from Coventry City last October. Jeff Wood (below, right) has taken over in goal from now retired Graham Tutt.



professional in October, 1977. Born London. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 8.13. L. App:— 1 sub.

KEITH PEACOCK: Midfielder and Charlton's longest serving player, having signed professional in July, 1962. Has a place in the football record books when he became the first ever substitute in Football League when he came on as sub v Bolton on August 21st, 1965. Born Barnhurst. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— 447 and 16 sub. G:— 86.

MARK PENFOLD: Defender signed professional in April, 1974. Mark had the misfortune to break a leg this season. Born



London. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.6. L. App:— 54 and 3 sub.

COLIN POWELL: Outstanding winger signed from Barnet in January, 1973. Born Hendon. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 177 and 6 sub. G:— 18.

DICK TYDEMAN: Creative midfielder signed from Gillingham in December, 1976 by his former boss Andy Nelson. Born Gillingham. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 12.7. L. App:— Gillingham 293 and 2 sub, Charlton 24. G:— Gillingham 12.

PHIL WARMAN: Defender signed professional in March, 1968 and has won England Youth caps. Born Downham. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— 212. G:— 14.

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TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Arthur Horsfield.....	25
1973-74	Arthur Horsfield.....	18
1974-75	Derek Hales.....	20
1975-76	Derek Hales.....	28
1976-77	Mike Flanagan.....	23

JEFF WOOD: Goalkeeper who took over when Graham Tutt was forced to retire through injury. Signed professional in November, 1975, and made his League debut the same month and has been an ever-present since. Born London. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 10.13. L. App:— 56.

CHARLTON



BACK ROW (left to right): Dick Tydeman, Les Berry, Bobby Curtis, Jimmy Giles (now Exeter), David Campbell, Martin Hicks.
MIDDLE ROW: Phil Warman, Steve Carey, Colin Powell, Mike Flanagan, Tony Burman, Mark Penfold.
FRONT ROW: Laurie Abrahams, Peter Hunt (now Gillingham), Jeff Wood, Keith Peacock, Hugh McAuley.

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FOOTBALL FUNNIES

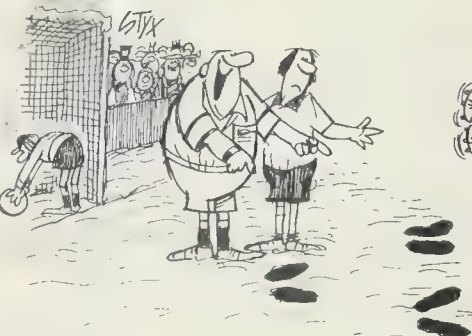


This week Chelsea's IAN BRITTON selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

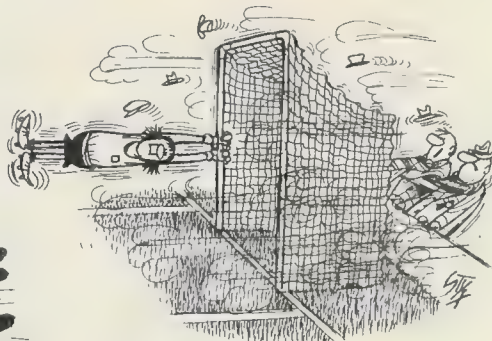


"I think I've found a slight weakness in the team, coach — our two backs have scored 15 goals between them while our forwards have only scored one"

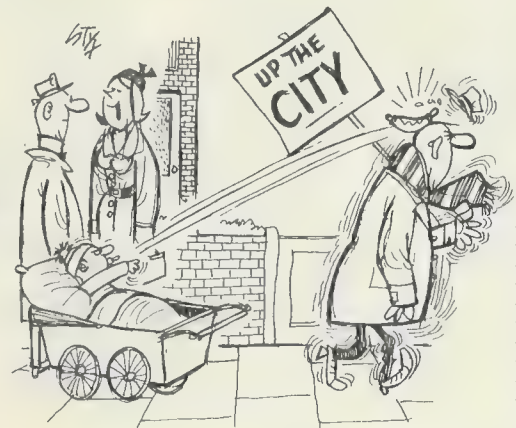
"He's a silly old so-and so — walked the ball into the net — leapt up into the air with joy — and knocked himself out"



"When you headed the ball, you were standing here — the backs were standing there. Any more dissent about not being offside?"



"Playing with this wind, we ought to be three goals up instead of three down"



"Takes after his daddy — a dedicated United fan"

NOBBY

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A BIT OF MODESTY!



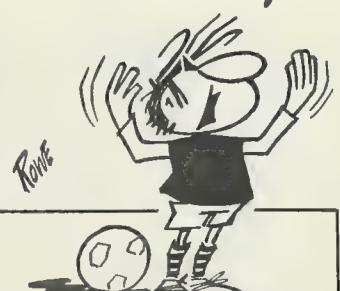
DO YOU WANT A TOUCH OF GENIUS UP-FRONT TODAY, BOSS?



OR WOULD YOU PREFER A BIT OF CLASS IN MIDFIELD?



WELL, WE DON'T WANT YOU IN GOAL OR YOU MIGHT GET YOUR HEAD STUCK BETWEEN THE POSTS!



TOTTENHAM, currently enjoying what promises to be a brief sojourn in the Second Division, have the opportunity to improve one of London football's worst records.

Only four of the capital's 12 Football League clubs have won the Second Division since its inception in 1892.

West Ham, in 1958, were the last London side to take the title, but if Tottenham succeed, as they did in 1920 and 1950, history suggests their future is bright.

In 1920, managed by shrewd Scot Peter McWilliam, they dominated the Division, and finished six points clear of runners-up Huddersfield.

A team featuring internationals such as Jimmy Seed, 'Fanny' Walden, Tommy Clay, Arthur Grimsdell and Jimmy Dimmock, they crowned their development the following year by beating Wolves 1-0 in the F.A. Cup Final.

The Second Division Championship, won by Arthur Rowe's "push and run" side in 1950, was also the prelude to further success.

They finished nine points ahead of Sheffield Wednesday, and had clinched the title five weeks before the end of the season.

Rowe's tactical revolution was based around a 14-man squad which included players of the calibre of skipper Ron Burgess, Alf Ramsey, Eddie Bailey, Bill Nicholson and Ted Ditchburn.

That squad not only secured promotion, but in 1951 won Tot-

CAN SPURS BOOST LONDON?

tenham's first League title, ending four points in front of Man. Utd.

Despite the encouragement from the form book, current Spurs skipper Steve Perryman refuses to look beyond the current hurdle.

"The Second Division is very hard to get out of," he says, "and we must realise we do not have a divine right to promotion."

"I think we have proved we are one of the better sides in the Division this season, but even that does not guarantee us the Championship."

"Last season proves my point. Wolves were Champions, and Nottingham Forest came from nowhere to edge into third place."

"Now Wolves are having a few problems and Forest are top of the table."

If Perryman's caution is unfounded and Tottenham top the table this season, they will emu-

late the 1963 Chelsea side in bouncing back to the First Division at the first attempt.

Chelsea, five times runners-up, are the eternal bridesmaids of the Second Division. Although relegated in 1962, the following season they pipped Sunderland on goal average and were promoted in second place.

Eight other London clubs have moved up to the First Division without the bonus of a Championship trophy — Queens Park Rangers in 1968 and 1973, Tottenham (1909 and 1933), West Ham (1923), Orient (1962), Crystal Palace (1969), Arsenal (1904), Charlton (1936) and Fulham (1959).

The two other Second Division-winning clubs from the capital, Brentford and Fulham, are experiencing difficult times.

Brentford, currently among the League's poor relations in the

Fourth Division, were 1935 Champions.

Consistent home form — they were unbeaten at Griffin Park — was instrumental in their success, which represented one part of a unique London treble.

While Brentford were celebrating in the Second Division, Arsenal were acclaimed as League Champions and Charlton collected the Third Division (South) title.

Fulham, still in the Second Division but treading warily through a financial minefield, had their moment of glory in 1949 with a team rich in attacking talent.

Among the youngsters in the side were Arthur Rowley, later to become the League's leading goalscorer, and Bedford Jezzard, who graduated into manager ship at Craven Cottage.

LONDON'S SECOND DIVISION RECORD

CHAMPIONS

Tottenham: 1920, 1950.
Brentford: 1935
Fulham: 1949
West Ham: 1958

RUNNERS-UP

Arsenal 1904
Charlton 1936
Fulham 1959
Chelsea: 1907, 1912, 1930, 1963, 1977
Tottenham: 1909, 1933
Q.P.R.: 1968, 1973
Crystal Palace 1969
Orient 1962
West Ham 1923

Glenn Hoddle (left) stoops to head Tottenham's third goal in their 3-0 win v. Burnley.

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Youngest and Oldest

Who were the youngest, and oldest, goalkeepers ever to play in a Football League match?

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● Youngest was Derek Forster — 15 years and 185 days — who kept goal for Sunderland v. Leicester (Div One) on 22nd August, 1964.

Oldest was Neil McBain — 52 years and four months when he was brought back to play for New Brighton v. Hartlepool (Div Three North) on 15th March, 1947.

"Superhoops"

As a Q.P.R. fan in Israel, I'd like to know how they got their nickname of 'Superhoops', and if it's a very old one?

FISHBEIN YOSSE,
 ISRAEL

● On the contrary, Fishbein, I'd like to know how they got their nickname of 'Superhoops', and if it's a very old one?

As you'll know, Rangers have long played in blue-and-white hooped shirts — and in their rise over the past decade, publicity-wise, dubbing them 'Superhoops' seemed a good idea. It caught on quickly, and it's stuck.

SHORT PASSES



● Nottingham Forest's Larry Lloyd has played in three full, and eight Under-23, internationals for England

(LYNDA BLIVIDAS, Bedford)

● Spurs were still a Southern League club when they won the F.A. Cup in 1901

(RONALD POWELL, Wells)

● The 506 League games of Eric Skeels between 1958 and 1976 is a Stoke club-record.

(HENRY OSBORNE,
 Stoke-on-Trent)

● Peter Osgood gained four full England caps, and played in six Under-23 games.

(IAN BENDELOW, London, S.E.25)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

FEYENOORD, having a dreadful season in Holland, can boast the top scorer in . . . the Second Division!

Their Peter Houtman is on loan to FC Gronigen and he'd netted 14 goals at the halfway mark. The Rotterdammers' top scorer had managed just five goals.

THE publication of 40 players by the Brazilian authorities who can't leave the country to join foreign clubs is having far-reaching consequences.

For instance, Alberto of EC Bahia, one of the 40, asked his club to double his salary "as I'm a Brazil man now!"

NO COMPLAINTS

IN SPAIN, as in a lot of other countries, there's pessimistic talk about falling gates. But Barcelona are "complaining" all the way to the bank. For the top-of-the-table clash against Real Madrid (which they lost 2-3) 90,000 fans paid between £3.50 and £12 to watch the game, and an "overflow" of 5,000 paid £3.50 to watch it on closed-circuit TV in Barcelona's nearby basketball stadium!



Compiled by Chris Davies

EURO DRAWS

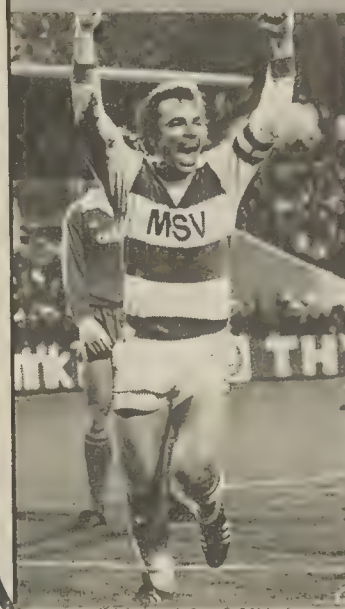
THE draws for the next round of the three European competitions will be held in Zurich on January 20th. To refresh your memory, here are the clubs still in the Cups:

EUROPEAN CUP . . . Liverpool, Borussia Mönchengladbach, Wacker Innsbruck, Ajax, FC Bruges, Benfica, Juventus and Atlético Madrid.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP . . . Anderlecht, Real Betis, Austria Vienna, FC Twente, FC Porto, Dynamo Moscow, Hajduk Split and Vejle BK.

U.E.F.A. CUP . . . Aston Villa, Barcelona, Bastia, Eintracht Frankfurt, 1.FC Magdeburg, Grasshoppers, PSV, and Carl Zeiss Jena.

FOR the first time a defender has scored four goals in a game in the Bundesliga. It happened when MSV Duisburg played Bayern Munich. MSV were 1-2 down when left-back Bernhard Dietz (below) showed his forwards a thing or two by putting four goals past his national team colleague Sepp Maier.



WEST German players have voted Klaus Fischer, captain of Schalke 04, their Man of the Year in succession to Franz Beckenbauer.

ANGRY SPAIN

THE Spanish F.A. has officially expressed its disgust about the draw for the European Championship. In a strongly-worded note to U.E.F.A., the Spaniards demand to know why countries like Yugoslavia, U.S.S.R. and England were seeded in the draw despite their poor records in recent years, whereas Spain, who've just knocked Yugoslavia out of the World Cup, were treated as "second-class" citizens!

The Spaniards are also bitterly disappointed at being drawn for the umpteenth time against Yugoslavia and Rumania. The countries have met in every competition played since 1972, and both players and fans are fed up to the teeth with playing the same opposition time and time again.

ALTHOUGH 18 games have been played in the Swiss First Division, the authorities haven't yet decided how many teams will be relegated and promoted at the end of the season. Some people think it will depend on who finishes where.

ITALY skipper Giacinto Facchetti has announced he will retire at the end of the season . . . "after the World Cup, I hope."

"NEW TOSTAO" for Brazil?

REINALDO, a centre-forward who played against England and Scotland last June without making any significant contribution to the game, seems now to be Brazil manager Coutinho's first choice



for the team who will be playing in the World Cup.

Reinaldo has so far scored 16 goals in ten games of the strenuous Brazilian Championship — exactly double the amount of Zico, the runner-up.

He is short, not very strong, and relies mainly on ability, intelligence and technique. Reinaldo's greatest admirer is Tostão, who comes from the same part of the country (Minas Gerais) and who wore the number nine shirt in the 1970 World Cup.

Many people say Reinaldo has lots of the famed Tostão style, and it is interesting to hear what Tostão thinks of him.

Tostão said this the other day, in an interview to a newspaper:

"Reinaldo always knows exactly what to do in the penalty box, because he has perfect balance and always looks before he shoots or passes the ball. He scores lots of goals because he doesn't kick the ball hard. Instead, he places it gently where the goalkeeper isn't."

Reinaldo (light shirt) in action against Scotland's Tom Forsyth last June.

THE Italian players received a medal each for reaching the World Cup Finals — valued at £2,500. Their bonus for going to Argentina £8,000 a man.

Too successful!

SPANISH club Salamanca have been delighting their fans with some great League performances this term, and they've consistently been among the leading bunch. The trouble is they're doing too well! Bonuses paid to the players after good League wins already total £52,000, and if the team doesn't "ease off" there could be serious financial problems!

COCKY HAAN

ANDERLECHT and Holland midfielder Arie Haan (below) was under fire when he played against Waregem recently.

Last season Haan clashed with Waregem winger Heré Delisle, who was badly injured and missed six months' football.

The Waregem fans hadn't forgotten this and reminded Haan in a very special way.

They put ten live cocks on to the field as Haan ran out. Why cocks? Well, the Flemish word for cock is "haan" . . .

Perhaps Haan had the last laugh as Anderlecht won 3-1, but he was booed every time he touched the ball.



Punch-up

THE South East Asia Championship game between Indonesia and Thailand was abandoned after 60 minutes when a general punch-up broke out between players and fans. The incident started when an Indonesian player was sent-off and the referee was jostled by angry team-mates. Soon, everyone joined in the action.

TONY van Loon, a 24-year-old fan of FC Boom, will not forget the Belgian derby game against Beerschot in a hurry.

Celebrating a Boom goal, Tony jumped from his seat . . . hit a part of the stand with his hand . . . badly hurt a finger . . . was rushed to hospital . . . where the finger had to be amputated.

CRAZY

QUOTE . . . by Borussia Mönchengladbach and Denmark winger Allan Simonsen — European Footballer of the Year — on the European Championship draw with Eire, Bulgaria, Northern Ireland and England: "As usual we haven't got a chance. Both England and Bulgaria are considerably stronger than us. It is crazy to believe in, or even hope for, Denmark to win the group."

NO JOKE

A Dutch amateur player was sent-off . . . while taking a shower! The captain of Schimmert shook hands with the referee after their defeat against Bunde and later remarked that "you had an off day today".

The ref replied: "I'll send you off then," and the player thought he was joking — until his manager returned to the shower to confirm the official's "joke"!

FED UP

JOHAN Cruyff is getting fed up with being asked the same old questions by journalists and this became obvious when Dutch Television took a film crew to Barcelona for an interview.

It was supposed to last for an hour, but the banality of the questions plus the boredom of Cruyff meant the interview lasted just a few minutes:

T.V. — Do you intend to retire from football soon?

J.C. — Yes.

T.V. — Will you play in the World Cup Finals?

J.C. — No.

T.V. — Will you be joining the Cosmos when your Barcelona contract expires?

J.C. — Perhaps, who knows?

And that was that . . .



Team-boss Chetali

AFRICAN 'UNKNOWN'S'— WORLD CUP WHIPPING BOYS

TUNISIA will be the whipping-boys of the 1978 World Cup Finals. Zaire, Africa's representatives four years ago, conceded 14 goals in their three games and judging by what I saw in Tunis, the Tunisians won't do much better.

Defensively, Tunisia are light years behind the best of Europe and South America. Even Egypt — a team completely lacking in attacking ideas — caused Tunisia a few anxious moments.

I can imagine Willie Johnston causing havoc down the wing, while Joe Jordan's aerial power will surely have the Tunisians struggling from his first header.

In fairness, Tunisia have two or three talented attacking players — I particularly liked right-winger Temime who stood out head and shoulders above everyone else during the African Final.

Yet again, he was helped by an almost tackle-shy Egyptian defence and a goalkeeper who wanted to come off his line for everything.

Tunisia may not be a world power, but interest in soccer in this sunny North African country is as intense as anywhere I've been.

The modern El Menzah stadium, opened ten years ago, was full five hours before kick-off and the 60,000 fans created an atmosphere that topped any Cup Final or England/Scotland clash I've witnessed.

Four hundred million people saw the game live on television; all of the Arab world took the match, while Brazil, France and Switzerland also had live transmission.

Sadly, or perhaps inevitably, politics played a major role in events. This was far more than a game of football and several influential leaders used the tie to further their cause.

Apparently Libya's Colonel Muammar Gaddafi is still seething that President Sadat of Egypt had "sold out" to Israel. To show his feelings, Gaddafi paid for 5,000 Libyans to go to Tunis "to help the Tunisian team" while the Tunisia players themselves were offered a new house and a Mercedes if they beat Egypt. A nice bonus — to go with the £2,000 offered by their

TUNISIA became the 16th team to book their passport for the World Cup Finals when they beat Egypt 4-1 in the final match of the African group. SHOOT's Chris Davies was the only British journalist in Tunis to see the game ... here is his report.

own F.A. — for the amateurs of Tunisia!

Amateurs? Well, that's what they say they are. The Tunisian players are, in fact, part-timers, but hardly amateurs. They work for banks, the Government or are students, yet getting time off is never a problem.

Football is the national sport of Tunisia, followed by hand-ball, and during the week of the Egypt game everyone was talking about their country's chances.

A Tunisia fan told me: "My mother doesn't know what a football looks like, but even she is asking about the match. It means so much to us, you see."

The Tunisians know a lot about world soccer, too. In this bi-lingual country, a steady stream of French football magazines keep them in touch and I was often quizzed whether Dalglish was a good replacement for Keegan.

"His goals have dried up, haven't they?" I was amazed to be asked.

My first taste of the feeling for soccer came when I visited the offices of the F.A. Tickets were on sale and a team of police were called in to keep fans in order. Everyone in Tunis, it seemed, wanted a ticket and the police used their batons to keep the supporters in some sort of queue.

The Tunisia players are worshipped every bit as much as our own stars are. Their names may mean very little to you, but in Tunisia they claim the same following as Ray Clemence, Andy Gray and company.

The top star is Tarak, a shy 23-year-old midfielder who is reckoned to be the best player in Africa. He's a schemer of great vision with a left foot that gets him out of tight situations similar to Arsenal's Liam Brady.

Tarak drives a B.M.W. and after Argentina hopes to sign for a professional club in Europe.

Temime is the player who excited me. His wing wizardry was the highlight of the afternoon and the 28-year-old star switched flanks with dazzling effect. I'm looking forward to seeing him again in June because Temime looked the one player of genuine class against Egypt.

Centre-forward Akid — or, to give him his full name Mohamed Ali Akid — was useful in the air and has a fair shot on him.

But apart from these three players, the rest of the Tunisia team were rather ordinary. Tunisia may be the best team in Africa, but that doesn't put them alongside the best of Europe and South America by any means.

Their captain is goalkeeper Attouga and he is something of a folk hero in Africa.

Attouga has played 175 times for Tunisia (yes — 175) and at 32 can look back on no less than 17 years in the national team.

The game against Egypt was Tunisia's 21st World Cup-tie and Attouga has missed just three of them.

And so to the game itself. No taxi would take the SHOOT photographer and myself to the stadium





because of the traffic, so we hopped on a bus like the thousands of other fans.

Dressed in red and white, they carried flags and their enthusiasm contrasted starkly with the traditionally dressed Tunisian women who wore all white and covered most of their face.

The kick-off was scheduled for three o'clock, but the gates opened at eight and by ten all 60,000 seats had been filled.

The atmosphere was electric. The sun shone brightly and when I entered the stadium I could hardly believe my eyes: thousands of fans were standing underneath umbrellas... in Tunisia, they use them to keep the sun off!

Already their fans were singing nationalistic songs; incidentally, tickets cost from 50p to just under £2. There was a brisk trade in black market tickets outside the ground... some things in soccer are universal, obviously.

The noise was deafening. I never thought I'd hear a crowd louder than that at Old Trafford, Anfield or Hampden (or Wembley every other year!) but the supporters of Tunisia outsang even the most vociferous of British fans.

Just 1,000 Egyptian followers made the journey, 400 by plane and 600 by ferry-boat from Alexandria.

Fans hung from everything pos-

LEFT ... Gasmí and Kaabi celebrate Tunisia's victory over Egypt. BELOW ... The fans used umbrellas — to keep out of the sun!

ABOVE ... Winger Temime — Tunisia's best player against the Egyptians.

BELOW ... Pin-up boy Tarak catches up with the soccer news in the best way.



sible, a few even near the top of the floodlight pylons!

A 100-piece band came out to create even more noise and feeling in the stadium, and when some Tunisia players inspected the ground the noise rose to an even higher pitch.

This was obviously going to be a memorable afternoon. An Egyptian journalist came up to me and said "och aye", explaining he'd lived in Glasgow for two years.

An Egyptian official blessed the pitch as a policeman ejected a fan from the Press Box. The policeman wasn't exactly subtle — he picked up the youngster by his collar and trousers and threw him bodily on top of a group of other fans. Nobody minded because this was World Cup day.

The Egypt goalkeeper came on to warm up and when a shot went past him the Tunisians cheered as loudly as most fans would to greet a winning goal in a Cup Final.

The match actually kicked-off at 2.51pm and by this time it was impossible not to be caught up in the atmosphere generated in this fine stadium.

The game started at a snail's pace and the first positive piece of action came after 15 minutes. Gasmí sent over a hopeful free-kick to the edge of the penalty-area and Ikrami, the Egypt goalie, ran off his line, suicidally leaving Akid an empty goal to head into.

Tunisia sensed their opponents' weakness at the back and with their full-backs able to attack at will, sent over a stream of crosses which had the Egyptians in all sorts of trouble.

Ikrami again dashed from his goal-mouth to the bye-line to tackle a Tunisia forward. Good tackle it was, too — better than anything he'd done in his area so far.

Tunisia's second goal came on 42 minutes when Younis made a hash of a back pass leaving Temime the easy task of tapping home.

At half-time the Egyptian came out to bless the pitch once again, but Egypt needed more than that now. The game was already as good as over. Attouga had not had to make a save yet.

Egypt won their first corner after 47 minutes, but Attouga punched clear. Egypt seemed to be playing for the defeat! Even though a draw would have seen them through to Argentina, they still refused to push forward.

Good football was still at a premium and it was left to Temime to raise the standard with some fine individual play. The rest of the action was a mish-mash of bad passes and poor clearances.

At 61 minutes Limam was substituted by Ben Aziza who had a dream start. Temime carved an opening down the left which left the sub with an open goal from just outside the six-yard box. Even then the ball hit a post before going in.

The Egyptian goalkeeper was injured in the incident and substituted by the appropriately named El Batal.

Tunisia went further ahead after 75 minutes when Tarak laid on a chance for Labidi.

Tunisia eased off a little and allowed Egypt back into the game. Hassan Chehata's free-kick on 80 minutes was badly palmed away to Abdelbaki who nodded home.

Golden boy

When the ref signalled the end of the game, Tunisia coach Chetali (38) rushed to hug his players. The World Cup had been a personal triumph for this likeable former golden boy of Tunisian soccer.

He is the only coach in Africa to come from the country of which he is in charge. All the other sides are managed by outsiders, mostly from Eastern Europe. Perhaps there's a moral there somewhere.

Afterwards Attouga dedicated Tunisia's victory to "my friend the President and all our fans". Ali Kaabi said God was with them.

And so to Argentina. Tunisia would like to be paired with Brazil (the best in the world), Sweden (with whom they once drew 0-0 and want revenge!) and France (Tunisia is a former French colony).

Good luck to Tunisia. They've worked hard to reach the Finals, playing ten ties, and new faces provide the sort of magic that is part and parcel of the World Cup.

But — and I may be putting my head on the chopping block — I'll be surprised if they do much better than Zaire did in West Germany.

Their priority must be to arrange as many friendlies in Europe as possible, so their defenders can experience the sort of aggressive play they can expect in the World Cup Finals.

Going forward, Tunisia didn't look a bad side at times, yet I can't see their defenders coping with international-class strikers.

SCOTLAND'S HOPES IN WORLD CUP DRAW

THE DRAW for the 1978 World Cup Finals will take place in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on January 14th. There have been many rumours the draw has, in fact, already been made... that the organisers have rigged the draw to save any "awkward" pairings. Also, they want to ensure the best possible attendances.

Such whispers are part and parcel of football at this level, unfortunately. It was the same in 1974, yet a fixed draw would hardly have paired West and East Germany... or would it?

What we do know is the 16 Finalists will be divided into four groups, which is understandable. As in just about every competition, it would be disastrous for all the big guns to be paired in the early stages.

The four groups will comprise: seeds, strong teams, weaker teams and poor teams. They're our descriptions, perhaps not subtle, but no doubt you get the message.

As we go to Press, the two definite seeds are ARGENTINA and WEST GERMANY, as hosts and holders. The two other seeds will be decided by the Organising Committee on January 12th but they will most likely be BRAZIL (for obvious reasons) and ITALY, who will pip Holland as they have a better World Cup record.

The next group — and from here it's our guesses — will be: HOLLAND, SWEDEN, POLAND and SCOTLAND. These sides all qualified for the '74 Finals and so will be judged to be "strong" this time.

The third group: HUNGARY, FRANCE, SPAIN and AUSTRIA. None of these four has been in the last two World Cup Finals and although it could be argued some are, in fact, better sides than those in "group two", F.I.F.A. must still consider them weaker.

The "also-rans" will be: TUNISIA, IRAN, PERU and MEXICO. Mexico usually qualify for the Finals, yet their overall record makes it hard for them to move up a group.

So, Scotland will find themselves with at least one very good side and of "group three" Hungary and France will be stern tests for anyone.

The Scots must hope to be paired with Austria, who seem the weakest of the "group three" countries and with either Peru or Tunisia, who don't seem capable of any surprises.

The seed team they'll want to avoid in particular is Argentina — who wants to play the hosts?

The ideal group for Scotland would be: Holland, Austria and Tunisia.

But all will be known this weekend.



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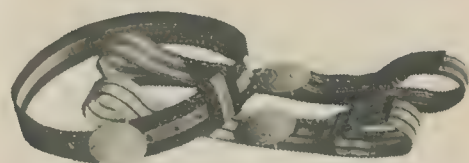


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ARSENAL CLUB CHAMPIONS OF WEMBLEY

SINCE the first-ever F.A. Cup Final at Wembley in 1923, when Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham in that sensational match when an estimated crowd of more than 200,000 fans tried to pack into the new Empire Stadium, 32 clubs have trod that same turf in 49 F.A. Cup Finals.

Then in 1967 the first Football League Cup Final was staged at Wembley. Up to the end of last season 14 clubs had competed in the 11 League Cup Finals. Ten were no strangers to Wembley, but the other four had never taken part in an F.A. Cup Final. So that makes a total of 36 clubs that have been represented at those 60 Wembley Finals.

Our SHOOT statistician has drawn up a comprehensive table of the clubs and the results. Awarding two points for a win and one for defeat this shows Arsenal and Manchester City share top place as Wembley Cup Final Champions, with 14 points each.

If we study the table more closely, however, we find Arsenal could claim to be outright Champions by virtue of their ten appearances as Wembley Finalists — eight in the F.A. Cup and two in the League Cup.

Manchester City would then take second place with nine appearances, six in the F.A. Cup and three in the League Cup. So it's a case of take your pick.

But you may say "Why not base it on actual victories at Wembley?" This would make it a toss-up between Manchester City, Spurs and Newcastle United, each with five triumphs.

The Geordies gained all their victories in the F.A. Cup with one failure, and another defeat in the League Cup, while City suffered four defeats in their nine Wembley Finals.

Yet, perhaps the outstanding performance is that of Spurs, one worthy of a special award. The Tottenham men have played in five Wembley Finals and won them all, the only club with more than three appearances at Wembley to sustain a one hundred per cent winning record. Look at their goals totals, too — ten against two in five Finals.

They also share with Newcastle United the distinction as one of the only two clubs to take the F.A. Cup from Wembley two seasons in succession. Spurs did it in 1961 and 1962; Newcastle in 1951 and 1952.

Sunderland have also maintained a 100 per cent record at Wembley with victories in both their F.A. Cup Finals (1937 v. Pres-

ton and 1973 v. Leeds).

How very different to Leicester City's dismal record — four F.A. Cup Finals, four defeats. They did win the League Cup, but that was in 1964 and, of course, it wasn't at Wembley.

Huddersfield Town's three visits to Wembley as F.A. Cup Finalists didn't bring them much joy — just three defeats.

Norwich City are another of the clubs with far from happy memories of their trips to Wembley.

They have never reached the F.A. Cup Final and their two League Cup Finals ended in defeat, although each time they lost by only one goal to Spurs and Aston Villa.

Leeds United must have very mixed memories of Wembley Stadium. It certainly hasn't proved one of their luckiest grounds.

In 1965 Don Revie, Bobby Collins, the skipper, Billy Bremner, Jack Charlton and Co. reached the F.A. Cup Final for the first time in the club's history and Liverpool beat them in extra-time.

Three years later they were back at Wembley to meet Arsenal in the League Cup Final and just scraped victory with a solitary goal from Terry Cooper.

Another two years passed and it was Wembley again when Billy Bremner hoped to lead United to victory over Chelsea.

Twice Leeds went ahead only for the Londoners to equalise. It remained 2-2 after extra-time and a replay at Old Trafford was necessary. Again that battle went to

extra-time and Leeds, cursing their bad luck, left the field beaten 2-1.

In 1972, Leeds finally won their first F.A. Cup Final when they beat Arsenal. But the following season, again in the F.A. Cup Final, they suffered another defeat — this time at the hands (and feet) of Sunderland, a result that staggered the football world.

Perhaps Preston would also regard Wembley as their unlucky ground. They've been there four times to contest F.A. Cup Finals

but have only one victory to show for all their efforts.

Still, Liverpool's Wembley visits haven't proved as successful as they would have liked.

Although they have won the trophy twice they also lost on three of their five appearances there, including last season when defeat by Manchester United robbed them of the greatest performance in English soccer history — the League Championship, F.A. Cup and European Cup treble.

WEMBLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

How the clubs have fared in all F.A. Cup Finals since 1923 and League Cup Finals since 1967. Pts: 2 for win; 1 for defeat.

	F.A. Cup		Goals	League Cup		Goals	Pts.
	Winners	Losers		Winners	Losers		
ARSENAL.....	4	4	8-6	—	2	1-4	14
ASTON VILLA.....	1	1	2-3	2	1	4-4	8
BIRMINGHAM C.....	—	2	2-5	—	—	—	2
BLACKBURN R.....	1	1	3-4	—	—	—	3
BLACKPOOL.....	1	2	6-9	—	—	—	4
BOLTON W.....	4	1	10-4	—	—	—	9
BURNLEY.....	—	2	2-3	—	—	—	2
CARDIFF C.....	1	1	1-1	—	—	—	3
CHARLTON A.....	1	1	2-4	—	—	—	3
CHELSEA.....	1	1	5-5	—	1	1-2	4
DERBY CO.....	1	—	4-1	—	—	—	2
EVERTON.....	2	1	6-3	—	1	3-4	6
FULHAM.....	—	1	0-2	—	—	—	1
HUDDERSFIELD.....	—	3	1-6	—	—	—	3
LEEDS U.....	1	3	5-7	1	—	1-0	7
LEICESTER C.....	—	4	2-9	—	—	—	4
LIVERPOOL.....	2	3	7-7	—	—	—	7
LUTON T.....	—	1	1-2	—	—	—	1
MAN. CITY.....	3	3	7-9	2	1	5-4	14
MAN. UTD.....	3	3	10-9	—	—	—	9
NEWCASTLE U.....	5	1	10-5	—	1	1-2	12
NORWICH.....	—	—	—	—	2	0-2	2
NOTTM. F.....	1	—	2-1	—	—	—	2
PORTSMOUTH.....	1	2	5-5	—	—	—	4
PRESTON.....	1	3	6-9	—	—	—	5
Q.P.R.....	—	—	—	1	—	3-2	2
SHEFFIELD U.....	1	1	1-1	—	—	—	3
SHEFF WED.....	1	1	6-5	—	—	—	3
SOUTHAMPTON.....	1	—	1-0	—	—	—	2
STOKE.....	—	—	—	1	—	2-1	2
SUNDERLAND.....	2	—	4-1	—	—	—	4
SWINDON T.....	—	—	—	1	—	3-1	2
SPURS.....	3	—	7-2	2	—	3-0	10
WEST BROM.....	3	1	9-5	—	2	3-5	9
WEST HAM.....	2	1	5-4	—	—	—	5
WOLVES.....	2	1	7-5	1	—	2-1	7

(Replays between Chelsea v. Leeds (F.A. Cup) and Villa v. Everton (League Cup) are included in the totals.)

Charlie George (light shirt) scores Arsenal's winning goal against Liverpool during extra-time of the 1970-71 F.A. Cup Final.

KEEP a record, Round by Round, of either the English or the Scottish competition by filling in the team-names and in the team-names and scores. The results of each Round will be published in the Results... Scorers... Team Line-Ups feature in SHOOT

SHOOT F.



West Ham will be hoping they can recover their 1975 F.A. Cup winning form again this season. Here we show Bryan Robson having a crack at goal against Wolves.

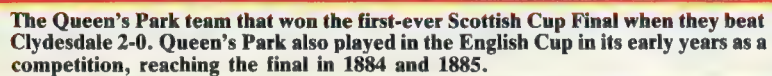


Is Mick Lyons pointing the way to a Cup Final success for Everton? A man with a big say in the competition could be SHOOT's own Andy Gray in the background.



The last time Motherwell won the Scottish Cup was in 1951. So their defender Ian Purdie will be hoping for better luck as he is beaten by Aberdeen's Stuart Kennedy's centre.

F.A. Cup 3rd Round
Scottish Cup 2nd Round

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ARE LEEDS SURGING

YES-THANKS TO JIMMY ARMFIELD'S 'QUIET REVOLUTION'



IN THE second week of November, Leeds United manager Jimmy Armfield was half expecting the bullet!

He knew everyone thought he was about to be fired because Yorkshire's premier club had made a shaky start to the season and seemed to be on the road to nowhere.

Defeat on November 12th by Manchester City at Maine Road could well have spelt the end of the former England full-back's three-year reign at Elland Road — and when Leeds went a goal down early on, Armfield could have been forgiven for asking for his cards there and then.

But the gods began smiling on this nice man of football.

Suddenly things clicked into gear. Goals from Joe Jordan and Arthur Graham were followed by an eventual winner from Ray Hankin. Two of Armfield's most expensive signings began to pay off with perfect timing.

That 3-2 win was followed by a scintillating League Cup display at Bolton, highlighted by clinical

finishing.

That 3-1 Fourth Round victory against his old club was sweet reward for Jimmy Armfield as his team waited into the last eight of the competition.

Another win at West Ham and home victories over Nottingham Forest and Manchester City suddenly changed the entire atmosphere at Elland Road.

Now instead of worrying about his future, Armfield can approach the rest of the season with complete confidence.

And rightly so. Jimmy Armfield is a much-underrated manager who has undertaken one of the most impossible tasks with dignity and distinction.

After 11 glorious years with Don Revie and 44 shattering days with Brian Clough, Leeds United were at the crossroads.

Armfield arrived faced with the

problem of moulding a new Leeds United while keeping faith with the fans.

He had to bring in new stars and as gently as possible ease out men like Norman Hunter, Billy Bremner and Terry Cooper who had been household names for a decade.

One of the first things Armfield said was it would take three years for him to establish himself at Leeds and achieve the transformation.

He has now done that with a minimum of fuss, taking Leeds to a European Cup Final and an F.A. Cup Semi-Final in the process.

He slotted the last piece into the Elland Road jigsaw with the signing of little Brian Flynn, that diminutive stick of dynamite from Burnley who more than anyone has made the side tick in recent weeks.

Former Leeds coach Don Howe, a great buddy of Armfield, admitted Flynn was the man who snuffed out Liam Brady and Arsenal at Highbury recently and



RIGHT . . . Billy Bremner (right) and Don Revie with the F.A. Cup after Leeds' 1-0 win v. Arsenal in 1972.

BACK INTO THE BIG-TIME?

Two of Leeds United's expensive signings Ray Hankin (below, left) and Arthur Graham (below).



ABOVE ... Little Brian Flynn beats Malcolm MacDonald of Arsenal during a 1-1 draw at Highbury this term. RIGHT ... An anxious moment for the United defence v. Manchester City. The Elland Road club won 3-2 at Maine Road.

has made Leeds into a powerful force again.

"Brian has done a fantastic job in the few weeks he has been at Leeds. He has not only established himself, but has brought the best out of Tony Currie and made Leeds into the sort of side everyone is going to fear playing against.

"Make no mistake, this present Leeds team is heading back to the very top."

Armfield is not short of praise for Flynn either, but adds his other three major signings Ray Hankin, also from Burnley, Arthur Graham (Hibs) and Tony Currie (Sheffield United) are now among the best players in their positions in the First Division.

"Ray Hankin had a difficult period last season with injury, but he has scored so regularly this time he must now be in line for an England cap.

"Tony Currie has soldiered on with a nagging injury, but has always given me 100 per cent.

"Arthur Graham has given us the width that is so vital to our

style of play," says Armfield.

The other success story of recent weeks is of Carl Harris, the young Welsh winger who is playing better than at any time in his career.

"Carl has benefited from an extended run in the first team, but is now performing with so much more confidence. And with him and Arthur supplying the crosses for Ray and Joe Jordan we are one of the most attractive, attacking sides in the country," says the Leeds manager.

Despite all the recent talk of Joe Jordan's desire to follow Kevin Keegan to the Continent, Armfield is desperate to keep his Scottish international centre-forward at Leeds.

"I will do everything in my power to keep Joe because he is the best striker in Britain," says Armfield.

"I can only do my best, though, and fully understand his frustration with the British tax system, but he is a vital part of the squad."

Armfield's concern is understandable. The Leeds United climb back has been due and in no small measure to the combined threat of Jordan and Hankin, surely one of the most potent striking forces in the game.

Although internationals like Allan Clarke, Peter Lorimer and David Stewart are waiting in the wings, Leeds are forever conscious they must keep abreast of the top clubs and if Jordan is likely to go they would require an immediate replacement — and that would have to be a big name.

With 15 internationals on his books, plus Under-21 caps David McNiven and Byrom Stevenson, manager Jimmy Armfield has an unenviable job keeping his stars happy.

On the other hand it is this wealth of talent that makes so many of his First Division counterparts jealous.

It also means Leeds United will again be in with a shout when the prizes are handed out in May.



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'SNOOKER

EVERY professional has his own way of preparing for a match, and snooker plays a big part in my build-up.

On the Friday evening before a home game I go along to the local social club with my dad and, sometimes, my brother Stephen, for a quiet game of snooker.

I find this the ideal way to relax and I go home feeling good, looking forward to Saturday.

At Chelsea we don't talk too much about the opposition during the week. A few of us may chat about a particular player or tactics the opponents usually use, but we certainly don't major on them.

We prefer to work at our own game, brushing up on anything that may have gone wrong the previous match.

Manager Ken Shellito tries to announce the team on Thursday so



RAY WILKINS
writes for you



"Peter Bonetti's confidence in me gave me a boost when I first came into the side."

everyone knows what's happening well in advance.

This is of particular help to the young players just coming into the side, such as Clive Walker or Trevor Aylott, who can then have more time to plan for the game.

Our Fridays follow a similar pattern. We train at Stamford Bridge from around 10.30, starting with some warming-up exercises.

Then, a five-a-side game for half an hour followed by some sprints. Nothing too strenuous... Ken may then spend ten minutes or so chatting about the match on the following day.

After training I may do some shopping or — as has been the case

lately — take my car to the garage. Something always seems to need repairing!

I don't have any set meal for dinner — anything that's going is fine by me.

Then it's off for a game of snooker and back by 10.30 for bed.

I used to be a bad sleeper the night before a game, but I have no troubles now.

On Saturday morning I get up around ten o'clock for a light breakfast of tea and toast. That is all I eat before a game — I have no lunch at all.

I used to, but I found it made me sluggish and I certainly can't afford that!

After reading the papers, I like to watch the football programmes before setting off for the Bridge.

Many teams meet for lunch before matches and we at Chelsea used to. We found the players had too much time before a game and decided to abandon the idea so we now spend the extra couple of hours at home.

I arrive at Stamford Bridge at 1.30. The only club rule is we're all in the dressing-room by two o'clock, but I like to organise any tickets for my family before thinking seriously about the match ahead.

HELPS MY FOOTBALL'



ABOVE . . . "Our Friday training sessions at Stamford Bridge aren't too strenuous."

RIGHT . . . "I try to help new boy Trevor Aylott (seen here against Forest's Larry Lloyd) who is nervous before a match."

My fiancée, Jackie, is Ken Shellito's secretary so she is at hand to wish me good luck.

By two, we're all together and the atmosphere is light-hearted with everyone cracking jokes to ease the tension.

I don't have any superstitions other than putting my shorts on at the last minute. A few of the lads have their rituals — John Sparrow is a "left-sided dresser" . . . left sock, left boot first and so on.

Ian Britton wears a lucky chain while big Steve Wicks likes to be the last man out.

I put a tracksuit on and go through a series of warming up exercises. I wear my boots, leaving them untied to let my feet get used to them slowly.

Ken goes round to each of us, reminding us of our responsibilities, such as who we have to mark at corners, free-kicks, etc.

The ref comes in at a quarter-to-three to check our boots and I always wish him the best of luck. It's difficult to know what else to say.

I remember when I first came into the team how the senior players like John Hollins, Peter Bonetti and Ron Harris helped me.

They gave me confidence with their belief in me and I try and help

our new faces in this respect.

Trevor Aylott is very nervous before a game and I encourage him all I can.

At home we always like to kick about in front of our loyal fans at the Shed End. They chant our names and we give them a wave which makes everyone feel closer and involved.

I must confess I'm not very lucky with the toss. The away captain has the choice; I'm a "tails man" and my form this season has been poor.

There's quite a bit to be gained from winning the toss. If I have choice of ends at the Bridge, for example, I choose to kick against the Shed End in the first-half so as they're behind us after the break, when we may need their backing.

Other considerations are the weather. At Chelsea the sun disappears over the West Stand at half-time so naturally I take notice of this where necessary.

I find the minute or so before kick-off the worst part of the afternoon . . . waiting for the game to begin.

At half-time we have a cup of tea

as Ken Shellito and Ron Suart go over the first 45 minutes. Games can be won and lost at half-time with a switch of tactics and the manager or coach has a responsible job in making any decisions.

After the match I have a drink in the players' lounge before going off for a meal locally, perhaps with a few of the lads.

I used to take defeat very badly. I still don't like losing, but with almost 150 League appearances behind me now I'm a better loser than I was.

My weekend used to be ruined if things had gone badly . . . now I take a more professional attitude and don't let it get on top of me.

Just time to mention our game at Coventry this Saturday (January 14th) — see you again in a fortnight, I hope.

Raymond



GORDON'S GREAT FOR GOALS....



A new name at the top of the Scottish goalscorers' chart has been Gordon Smith, the dynamic Rangers striker. Gordon has been in top form this season ... here are three of his goals.



ABOVE ... Gordon raises an arm in triumph after scoring Rangers' second goal against Ayr in September.

LEFT ... Aberdeen 'keeper Bobby Clark can't stop Super Smith sliding the ball home at Ibrox in October.

BELOW ... The Rangers number 10 makes no mistake from close range against Motherwell in the game at Ibrox just before Christmas.



RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

FOURTH DIVISION

(Continued)

SOUTHPORT (1) 2 (Snookes, Brookfield)
WATFORD (0) 2 (Jenkins, Pollard) 1,727
 Southport: Harrison; Higham, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Birchall, Wilson, Gay, Brookfield, Jones.
 Watford: Sherwood; Joslyn, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes (Mayes), Mercer, Jenkins, Bolton, Pollard.

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Brown, Coffill, Downes)
ROCHDALE (0) 0 2,030
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Dunne, Coffill, Darke, Brown, Downes, Tomlin.
 Rochdale: Poole; Oliver, Green, Bannon, Scott, O'Loughlin, Scaife, Morrin, Melledew, Owen, Shaw (Esser).

WIMBLEDON 0
BARNLEY 0 2,406
 Wimbledon: Guy; Bryant, Eames, Galvin, Donaldson, Bassett, Galliers, Davies, Summerill, Connell, Leslie.
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Brown, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Joicey, Peachey, Little, Collier.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Robb, Gibson 2)
ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Hyslop) 9,000
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Glennie, Strachan (McMaster), Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Jarvie, Fleming, Gibson, Robb.
 St. Mirren: Hunter (D); Beckett (Leonard), Munro, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Richardson (Young), Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Hyslop.

AYR (0) 0
HIBS (1) 1 (Duncan) 4,065
 Ayr: Sproat; McDonald, Kelly, Fleming, Hyslop, McAnespie, McLaughlin (Hannah), McCall, Masterton, Cramond, Christie (Rodgers).
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, Bremner (McNamara), Stewart, Brazil, Murray, Edwards (McLeod), Hutchinson, Duncan, McGhee.

CELTIC (2) 3 (McAdam, McDonald, Lynch pen.)
PARTICK (0) 0 27,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Munro, McDonald, Aitken, Doyle, Edvaldsson, McAdam, Craig, Conn.
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Anderson (Campbell), Craig (Houston), Melrose, Somner, O'Hara, Gibson, Love.

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Marinello, Davidson)
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (McCallan) 3,650
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson (Miller, P.), Wark, McLaren, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Davidson, Purdie.
 Clydebank: King; Hall, Colgan, Fallon, McCormack, Hay, O'Brien, Callaghan (Houston), Larnach, Gourlay, McCallan (McNaughton).

RANGERS (1) 2 (McLean, Smith)
DUNDEE UTD. (0) 0 23,500
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Greig, Jackson (Parlane), MacDonald, McLean (McKean), Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Rennie, Hegarty, Narey (Robinson), Sturrock, Kirkwood, Bourke (Wallace), Fleming, Payne.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

INTERNATIONAL

WEST GERMANY (0) 1 (Fischer)
WALES (0) 1 (Jones D.) at Dortmund 53,000
 West Germany: Maier; Vogts, Dietz, Russmann, Tenhagen, Bonhof, Abramczik, Burgsmuller, Fischer (Seel), Flohe, Holzenbein.
 Wales: Davies; Page, Jones (J), Jones (D), Phillips, Harris, Flynn, Yorath, Deacy, James, Curtis (Nardiello).

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (4) 4 (Peppole 2, Moore 2)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Seacole) 2,469
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry,



Colin Todd scored the only goal of the game for Derby against Bristol City.

Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Oxford: Milkins; Doyle, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, Seacole, Taylor, Foley, Curran (McGrogan), Duncan.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM 0
EVERTON 0 22,177
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Howard, Want, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Buckley, King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson, Thomas.

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Wilkins R.)
NORWICH (0) 1 (Suggett) 22,751
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Harris, Sparrow, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Aylott, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Walker.
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Suggett, Gibbins, Paddon, Peters.

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Coop pen.)
ARSENAL (1) 2 (Stapleton 2) 21,000
 Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Coop, Nardiello (Graydon), Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, MacDonald, Stapleton, Rix.

DERBY (1) 1 (Todd)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 21,802
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Nish (Powell), Daly, McFarland, Todd, Curran, Hughes, Mason, George, Ryan.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Gillies, Royle, Whitehead.

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Whymark)
LEICESTER (0) 0 16,905
 Ipswich: Cooper; Stirk, Tibbott (Geddis), Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Osborne, Mills, Mariner, Whymark, Gates.
 Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Goodwin, Sims, Woollett, Weller, Davies, Farmer (Sammels), Kelly, White.

LEEDS (1) 2 (McQueen, Cherry)
MAN. CITY (0) 0 37,380
 Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Gray (F), Currie, McQueen, Madeley, Harris (Gray E), Cherry, Hankin, Flynn, Graham.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Owen, Channon, Kidd, Hartford (Keegan), Tueart.

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Neal pen.)
Q.P.R. (0) 0 38,249
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hansen, Thomson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott (Johnson), Case, Fairclough, Callaghan.
 Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Williams, Francis, Givens, Leach, Wallace (Busby).

MAN. UTD (0) 0
NOTTM FOREST (2) 4 (Greenhoff B. o.g., Woodcock 2, Robertson) 54,375
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson (Grimes), Macari, Hill.
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Hedley)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0 14,999
 Middlesbrough: Cuff; Cragg, Bailey, Hedley, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Gregory, Little, Gray, Cowans, Carrodus.

NEWCASTLE (2) 4 (Nattrass, Craig T., Mitchell, Cassidy)
WOLVES (0) 0 22,217
 Newcastle: Carr; Nattrass, Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Blackley, Martin, Burns, Mitchell, Craig (T), Robinson.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Eves, Farley.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Brown A.)
WEST HAM (0) 0 18,868
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Regis, Brown (A), Robson, Johnston.
 West Ham: Day; McDowell, Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brooking, Hales.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Wagstaffe, Lewis)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Lee) 10,295
 Blackburn: Butcher; Bird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherston; Taylor, Lewis, Parkes, Wagstaffe.
 Millwall: Goddard; Donaldson, Moore, Brisle, Tagg, Hazell, Dibble, Seasman, Cross, Lee, Chambers.

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (MacDougall) 8,640
 Blackpool: Ward; McEwan, Harrison, Ronson (Waldron), Hart, Suddaby, Tong, Ainscow, Walsh, Hatton, Groves.
 Southampton: Wells; Sharpe, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Hebbard.

BRISTOL R (2) 3 (Williams, Taylor, Staniforth)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Lee, Rowell pen.) 6,516
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Gould, Williams, Powell, Staniforth, Barry.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Rostorn, Arnott (Lee), Greenwood, Entwistle, Rowell.

CARDIFF 0
HULL 0 5,675
 Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Went, Larmour, Giles, Bishop, Robson (Buchanan), Sayer, Grapes.
 Hull: Wealdens; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Roberts, Nisbet, Lord, Sunley, Bannister, Stewart.

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Campbell, Flanagan)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Whatmore) 12,800
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Tydeman, Campbell, Dugdale, Powell, Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, Abrahams (Burman).
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardye, Morgan, Whatmore, Walsh, Reid, Worthington.

FULHAM (2) 3 (Evanston, Evans, Bullivant)
STOKE (0) 0 8,014
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Money, Hatter, Lacy, Greenaway (Bullivant), Gale, Mitchell, Evanston, Margerrison.
 Stoke: Jones, Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Conroy, Richardson, Busby, Gregory, Crooks.

LUTON (0) 1 (Futcher, R.)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Syrett) 6,401
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Jones, Husband (Stein), Hill, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Sharkey, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Goodwin (Saxby), Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.

NOTTS CO (3) 3 (Hooks, Thomson o.g., Vinter)
BURNLEY (0) 0 7,639
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, McVay, Vinter, Hooks, Mann.
 Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Hall, Rodaway, Thomson, Ingham, Noble, Fletcher (Cochrane), Kindon, Morley.

OLDHAM (2) 3 (Taylor 2, Halom pen.)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 0 9,340
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Young, Halom (Gardner), Chapman, Taylor.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Stainrod, Campbell, Hamson, Hamilton.

ORIENT (0) 0
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Clark) 9,374
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozie, Allen, Mayo, Kitchen, Glover.
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank (Potts), Clark, O'Sullivan.

TOTTENHAM (2) 2 (Hodde 2)
C. PALACE (2) 2 (Swindlehurst 2) 33,211
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, McAllister, Hodde, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.
 C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Holder, Cannon, Sansom, Nicholas (Murphy), Chatterton, Fenwick, Swindlehurst, Harkouk, Silkman.

F.A. CUP (Second Round)

AP LEAMINGTON 0
SOUTHEND 0 2,540
 Southend: Rafter; Banks, Moody, Laverick, Yates, Townsend, Morris, Fell, Parker, Hadley, Foggion.

BLYTH (1) 1 (Jones)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 3,700
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarr; Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Dearden, Fern, Simpson (Hunter), Cammack, Heppollette.

CARLISLE (1) 3 (Rafferty 2, McVitie)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Crossley) 5,577
 Carlisle: Ross; Collins, McCartney, Lathan, Carr, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (M), Walker, Stor-ton, Delgado, Jeffries, Crossley, Livermore, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips (Raynor).

CREWE 0
SCARBOROUGH 0 4,341
 Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Cheatham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bavan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne (Roberts), Tully.

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Nicholl)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Slough) 10,181
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Williams, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt (Weatherly), Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Sargent (Robson), McEwan, Carmichael.

GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Donovan 2)
BARNLEY (0) 0 6,171
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Liddell, Partridge, Donovan, Cumming, Broly.
 Barnley: Copley; Murphy, Collins, Brown, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Joicey, Peachey, Little, Collier.

HARTLEPOOL (2) 4 (Bielby, Newton 2, Poskett pen.)
RUNCORN (1) 2 (Spencer, Wiggitt o.g.) 6,112
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Smith (G), Wiggitt, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (T), Linacre, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.

EXETER (0) 0
EXETER (1) 3 (Kellow, Randell 2) 3,000
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Randell, Kellow, Holman, Roberts, Jennings.

NUNEATON (1) 1 (Vincent)
TILBURY (1) 2 (Wallace C, Gray) 4,756

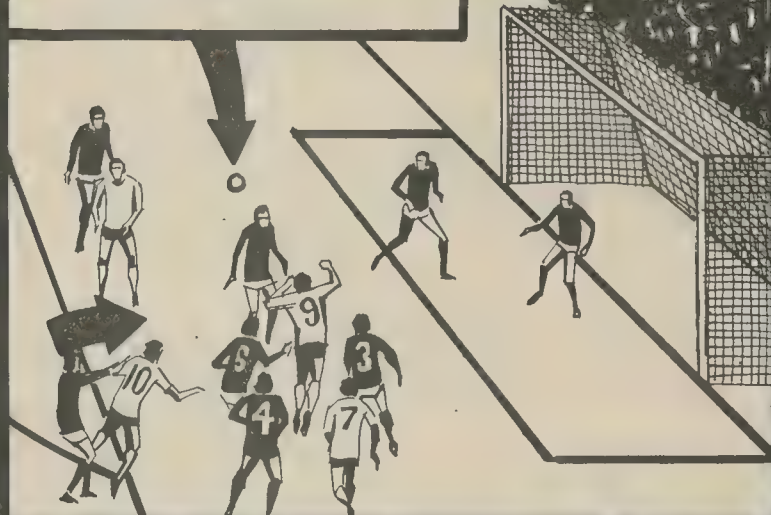
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2

A: An attacker charges the goalkeeper when the keeper is catching the ball outside his goal-area.



B: The attacker falls and lies injured in the back of the net. The ball is immediately kicked into the goal. You allow the goal.



C: Before restarting you notice the stadium clock registers one minute after the end of play. Your watch is working and indicates a further minute of play, which you complete. (Where is the problem?)



ANSWERS . . .

1. The offence occurred outside the penalty-area. Award a direct free-kick (b). 2. The problem is in A. Although the ball is within playing distance the charge is unfair. A free-kick should be awarded. In B the injured player is not interfering with play. In C your watch is the one that counts.

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Derby County v. Nottingham Forest

McGOVERN: Hello, John. It will seem funny to see you in the opposition goalmouth. When Forest and Derby met earlier in the season, you were keeping goal for us.

MIDDLETON: Yes, and I hardly had a thing to do that day, John. It was 3-0 to Forest, and there was only one team in it from start to finish.

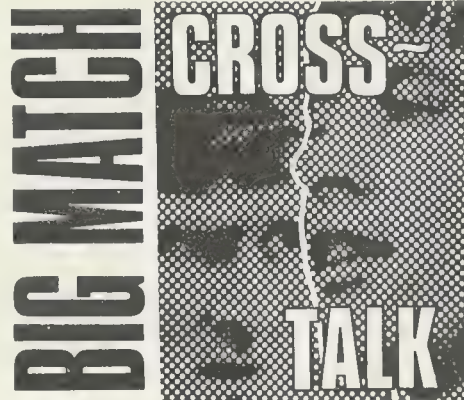
McGOVERN: I was very disappointed in Derby that day. The way we played, I think we would have beaten anybody but I was still upset to see the way some of the Derby players dropped their heads. They never used to be like that.

MIDDLETON: When I first came to the Baseball Ground, there seemed to be a lack of motivation among the players. I couldn't believe a club with so many skilful players were in such a bad position but it was purely a case of lack of interest and confidence. Since Tommy Docherty got to work on them though, everything has changed. The players can't wait to get out there now.

McGOVERN: It appears to have turned out a good move for you, John. Though I expect you were disappointed when Brian Clough first bought Peter Shilton to replace you.

MIDDLETON: I was a little. But I thought the manager handled it in a nice way. He told me he thought I was one of the best goalkeepers of my age

Saturday, January 14th



John Middleton began his career with Forest, making 85 appearances for them. John McGovern played almost 200 games for Derby. Now the two Johns have switched clubs, and face each other in a match full of interesting possibilities . . .

and I'd probably develop into an excellent player but he couldn't afford to wait. He couldn't say fairer than that and I certainly bear no grudges.

McGOVERN: What happened to you is the thing that stalks every player. If the manager thinks he can find someone better, you're going to lose your place. But I'm glad things have turned out well for you.

MIDDLETON: Tommy Docherty told me as soon as I got here I was going to be first-team goalkeeper, which was great — and I've been thinking about this match for weeks. Of course, it's a special occasion for you as well isn't it, John?

McGOVERN: Yes, it will be my first League match at Derby since I left them four years ago. I played in a reserve match for Leeds there and I've appeared in a couple of testimonials, but they're not the same. I live almost exactly halfway between Derby and Nottingham and the fans around my way are split about 50-50 between the two teams.

MIDDLETON: There's going to be a fantastic atmosphere. The Derby players who were here under Brian Clough are looking forward to facing their old boss again and of course, Terry Curran wants to prove a thing or two.

McGOVERN: It's almost old Derby versus new Derby. Our team is similar in style to the Derby Championship team which Brian Clough built and at times, I think we're almost as good. The improvement in the team this season has even surprised me and if we keep it up, there's no telling what we could achieve.

MIDDLETON: The team has improved a great deal even since I was there. I saw you in the Cup game against Aston Villa and I thought your performance that day was unbelievable. The manager really seems to have brought the best out of everybody.

McGOVERN: That's true. So much so it's practically impossible to pick out individuals. Except for John Robertson, of course. He has had another remarkable season so far, and I would say he's probably provided the crosses for 90 per cent of our goals.

MIDDLETON: I was just going to mention Robbo. When Cloughie first arrived, he was overweight and a nobody really. But now he is absolutely fantastic. He's the bloke I'll be looking out for. You still seem to be going okay, John, but have you felt the pressure being at the top so long?

McGOVERN: I don't believe there is any pressure at the top. Everybody's buzzing and playing well and enjoying it enormously. But we're not thinking about the title at this stage. The first thing you look for is a place in Europe, which means finishing in the top six or winning the League Cup. We'll worry about the Championship if we're still in with a shout nearer the end of the season.

MIDDLETON: To be honest, I'll be very surprised if you don't take the title. I think your main dangers may be Liverpool again, even though Everton have been the side to stick with you most of the way. Liverpool seem to have got over their normal sticky spell and they're going to be pulling everything out to keep their hands on the trophy.

McGOVERN: Your team has changed a lot since the game at the City Ground. Charlie George didn't play that day and neither did Gerry Ryan. They've obviously made a difference since they've been in.

MIDDLETON: Charlie has, in particular. He is such a skilful player you can't believe the things he does sometimes.

McGOVERN: I'm looking forward to the match enormously. I'm sure it will be a tougher game for us this time but I hope we can get both points again.

MIDDLETON: This is the match most people at Derby have been waiting for all season. I think it will be a classic.



John McGovern:
'IT'S ALMOST OLD DERBY
v NEW DERBY'



John Middleton:
'A MATCH MOST PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN WAITING FOR'

BILLY STARK
St. Mirren



SHOOT!

FOCUS ON Alan Sunderland ARSENAL

FULL NAME: Alan Sunderland
BIRTHPLACE: Conisbrough, Yorkshire
BIRTHDATE: 1st July, 1953
HEIGHT: 5ft 9ins
WEIGHT: 11st 2lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Wolves
MARRIED: Yes, to Chris (4 years)
CHILDREN: Lucy, 15 months
CAR: VW Golf L
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Johan Cruyff
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Doncaster Rovers
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Many
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: League Cup Final at Wembley
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning both League Cup and Second Division Championship
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Breaking a leg three years ago
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Germany
FAVOURITE FOOD: Pork, steak, Continental food
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Darts and tennis
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Getting up in the morning, injuries
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Rising Damp, Monty Python, Survival, Sport
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Paul McCartney, Johnny Mathis, Neil Young
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood, Charles Coburn
BEST FRIEND: My wife
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, and Wolves' boss Sammy Chung
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Bad referees
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two Under-23 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play for England
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? No idea!
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Pele





'Liam Brady — best in the business in his position'

only for Kenny Dalglish to volley it towards the top left of the goal. Peter, with a superhuman sideways leap, managed to tip the ball round the post to deny the Scots their equaliser.

For my right-back, John Gidman of Aston Villa. John was once on the books at Liverpool, as an apprentice midfielder, but always looked so frail we felt he'd never fill out.

Now he's a strong player, and the most exciting full-back coming forward, apart from our Phil Neal.

He's not afraid to play a series of one-two's up to and into the opposing penalty-box, finishing with a shot if it's "on".

Like Ray Wilson and George Cohen, England's two backs in their 1966 World Cup win, John can attack and defend with equal skill and fervour.

Left-back is one of the problem positions in English football. Not since Terry Cooper have we possessed someone natural-born to operate there. That is, until Derek Statham of West Brom — another SHOOT selection, incidentally —

For a tall lad, he's naturally good in the air — but just as effective on the ground, with a fast turn of speed and the ability to swivel quickly.

Even though some people say Colin Todd is not in his best form, I believe he would combine well with Gordon and operate as a sweeper picking up the "bits and pieces".

Kevin Keegan can leave most people for dead over ten yards, but he could never shake off Colin, and regarded him as the defender who gave him the hardest time.

My "team" has to have an international flavour, but that's not the reason why I'd bring in Arsenal's Republic of Ireland star, Liam Brady, on the left side of the midfield. It's simply because I regard him as the best in the business there.

Very left-footed — like Norman Hunter — he can perform so many tricks with it. Not that his right is just for standing on!

He has superb control, wide vision, and can make a long, accurate first-time pass.

Ray Wilkins of Chelsea earns my spot in the centre of the midfield. Now attackers are marked so tightly they are given few goal-chances, it's important for midfielders to take advantage of gaps created by defenders being pulled wide and to go through and shoot.

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

'MY "TEAM" FROM THE FIRST DIVISION...'

A COUPLE of weeks ago, SHOOT picked their representative side for the First Division of the Football League and I'm sure it achieved its intention of stimulating readers into making their own selections.

SHOOT's team found little favour in the players' lounge at Anfield. The main reason being, only one Liverpool player had been included: Kenny Dalglish. As Champions and European Cup-holders we all felt we deserved a bigger representation.

Apart from that, we found we all had different preferences for the various positions and a lively discussion followed. Just what SHOOT intended, obviously.

When I got home I wrote down my "team", and realised it would make an interesting basis for this week's column. Not wanting to fall out with any of my team-mates, or be accused of bias by readers and other players, I've excluded Liverpool.

Like SHOOT, I had to plump for Peter Shilton to fill the number one spot. He has several challengers, particularly from younger 'keepers, namely John Middleton at Derby and Paul Bradshaw at Wolves.

But for me Peter has the edge. Blessed with abundant natural ability, he works hard at improving his game, and has achieved tremendous consistency.

I took over the England spot from him around three-and-a-half years ago, but I've always been conscious of him breathing down my neck, pushing me hard for the place.

Now he is with Nottingham Forest, leading the pack in the First Division title race, I can expect even keener competition from Peter.

What really impresses me most about Peter is his utter dedication to the game, something I've learnt at first hand through rooming with him on England duty. Unlike some players who ease off when not picked to play for the country, Peter will continue to train as diligently as before in case he should be needed.

Desperate to play, he prepares himself one hundred per cent, mentally and physically.

I've watched him make many breathtaking saves in games, but the one that stands out for me is when England were leading Scotland 1-0 at Wembley a few years ago and the ball was headed out

who is adventurous and talented.

I've only played against him once. But from that experience, plus the glowing reports I've heard, I've no hesitation in handing him the number three shirt.

For my two central-defenders I go for Gordon McQueen and Colin Todd. Gordon has come into his own this season in a very promising Leeds side. When he was first transferred from St. Mirren he was injury-prone, but he seems to have shaken that off.

At one time he played permanently at full-throttle — needing to take salt tablets — but now conserves his energy. He's particularly dangerous at set-pieces. One example of this was when he rose high to head Scotland's first goal past me at Wembley last year.

And that's something Ray can be relied upon to do.

He showed against Italy how effectively he can work with Manchester United's Steve Coppell, my third man in the "engine-room". Steve can win a ball and go wide to attack full-backs.

Among his strengths is his ability to drive the ball across the goal at any height. Unlike some players in his role who tend to chip the ball so it hangs in the air, giving a 'keeper and defence time to deal with it.

He'll also run all day, never seeming to tire.

Now for my three-man strike force. On the left, Peter Barnes of Manchester City, another good crosser who packs a hard shot. He's never scored against me yet,



'Trevor Francis is now living up to his great potential'

close-season tour, and was unfortunate to be dropped against Argentina.

On the subs' bench I'd put Leighton Phillips of Villa, very versatile and always reliable; and Tony Woodcock of Nottingham Forest, who has pace and is a polished finisher.

Looking through my selection, I notice the only SHOOT columnist I've left out is Gordon Hill. My apologies, Gordon.

One reason I'd never make a manager is because I would hate to disappoint players.

I'm convinced my "team" would be more than a match for any other picked by anyone else which excludes Liverpool players. But I guess many bosses feel that way every week and regret it come 4.40 on a Saturday afternoon.

Let's hope it doesn't happen to our boss, Bob Paisley, next Wednesday, January 18th, after our League Cup-tie against Wrexham at the Racecourse Ground.

If things go well, we could be making three appearances at Wembley this year — and set up yet another record.

Meet me next week.
All the best,

but he's certainly given me problems.

Peter Shilton and I agree Andy Gray is the best centre-forward around at the moment. Completely without fear, always prepared to go in where the boots and fists are flying. Even when a ball is 60-40 in my favour he'll still put in a big challenge. The ideal man to put on the end of Steve and Peter's crosses.

Alongside him I'd put Trevor Francis, a lad who, after coming through a bout of injuries, is now living up to the great potential he showed as a 17-year-old. I believe he once scored four goals in a game soon after his League debut.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Martin Stephens of Abbey Wood, London, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

TOUGH SCOTS?

THERE'S been a lot written about the English criticising the Scots — and vice versa — and while I don't want to stir up a new anti-English campaign... I have to admit Lou Macari made me laugh with his recent article in The Sun. Little Lou said he feared for Scotland in the World Cup because of certain other teams' violent tactics. He urged referees to take a tough line against offenders.

Now I happen to think Scotland have a good team with some outstanding individuals. Yet surely even the Nats won't deny they have their share of tough guys?

According to my calculations, in their qualifying ties Scotland had one player sent-off (SHOOT'S own Andy Gray) plus another six players booked; Willie Donachie is actually suspended from the first tie in the Finals.

In the game against Czechoslovakia, Scotland's superb performance was somewhat soured by some vicious tackling.

Bruce Rioch, Asa Hartford, Willie Johnston... Joe Jordan... all great players, yet all liable to explode as their records prove.

I agree, Lou, the refs in the World Cup Finals MUST be strict. But I hope this doesn't work against Scotland.

● Over to you, Scotland fans...

Worst Record

IN winning the Championship last season Liverpool scored just 15 goals away from Anfield, the worst record of any title-winners away from home ever — by ten goals!

GERALD GREBBY,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

● The Reds are being more adventurous this season and had scored 12 goals after 11 games, but still less than the other title contenders.

Captains

COULD you please give me some idea of your build-up to the World Cup Finals.

DANNY (no surname given),
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.

● As we did in 1974, we hope to be interviewing all 16 World Cup captains and bringing you the latest news about Argentina.

Baffled

SINCE I saw Ray Clemence booked for taking more than four steps with the ball, I've been keeping a close watch on the situation... and I'm baffled.

I've seen goalkeepers persistently breaking the law but many refs choose to take no notice.

The law should either be dropped or enforced properly.

SIMON DELF,
AYLSHAM.



● It's this inconsistency that drives professionals mad. I couldn't believe it when I saw Italy's Dino Zoff (above) take 11 steps on one occasion at Wembley in November and get away with it.

Ref book 'em!

I HAD to smile when I saw the referee at a recent Spurs game was Ray Lewis of... Great Bookham.

STEPHEN MEAD,
LUTON.

● An unfortunate place for a ref to live...

Pen-Pal

I'M A 15-year-old soccer fan who would like to write to boys and girls about my own age to exchange information, pictures etc.

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McLean adds 'bite' to Tannadice Terrors

DUNDEE UNITED manager Jim McLean is a perfectionist. He doesn't want just to be good at his job, he wants to be brilliant. He doesn't just want his side to play well, he wants them to play brilliantly.

He is an enthusiastic boss who has made Dundee United one of the brightest teams in Scotland. They have become known as the Tannadice Terrors and the tag is very apt. They are a team capable of beating the best when they strike form.

But McLean is never satisfied to leave things just as they are. He is always planning ahead. For instance, Hamish McAlpine, the United captain and goalkeeper, had the best defensive record in Scotland, but at the time McLean was still out looking for a new 'keeper.

He wanted cover for McAlpine and he made enquiries about Ally McLean, the Aberdeen reserve, and Anglo/Scot Tommy Hughes, of Hereford. He didn't get either man, so he went for Aston Villa's third-choice 'keeper Jake Findlay, another Anglo.

"I spoke to Ron Saunders, the Villa manager, about Findlay," says McLean. "I knew he was in the third team because Jimmy Rimmer was first choice with John Burridge in the reserves.

"It looked as though we might do a deal, but Mr. Saunders wanted £80,000 for Findlay. End of conversation!"

It seemed a surprisingly high amount to McLean, considering he sold his top scorer Andy Gray to Villa only two years ago for little



over £100,000. McLean won't be forced into paying an unrealistic fee for a player and most of his deals are shrewd ones.

He bought striker Tom McAdam from Dumbarton for £45,000. The player didn't settle and was eventually dropped. Celtic then came on the scene this season and paid £60,000 for him! McLean had actually made a profit of £15,000.

He didn't hold on to Celtic's cheque long. He immediately added £5,000 to it and bought McAdam's former Dumbarton team-mate John Bourke, who is now doing the same sort of job up-front for United. Andy Gray used to do so well.

McLean is a purist who puts the accent on skill. He can get the best out of his players with motivation and he always plays to a player's strengths. Paul Hegarty came to United as a right-sided midfielder from Hamilton.

The Tannadice boss paid £60,000 for him, but Hegarty didn't produce the goods. McLean moved him around his attack, but again to no avail. Hegarty was then tried at centre-half and he is one of the most impressive and dominating number fives in Scotland.

A host of clubs have been linked with him, including Champions Celtic, but McLean always tries to keep his best players at Tannadice.

Graeme Payne has attracted the attention of European Champions Liverpool, while Paul Sturrock has been watched by Arsenal and sweeper David Narey has been said to interest Aston Villa.

"Obviously I don't want to sell anyone I reckon to be a valuable member of our first team," says McLean. "I wouldn't if we didn't need the cash to survive.

"My wish is for the fans to come and support us. We try to play open, adventurous football. We have some of the best young talent in Britain. All we need now is support."

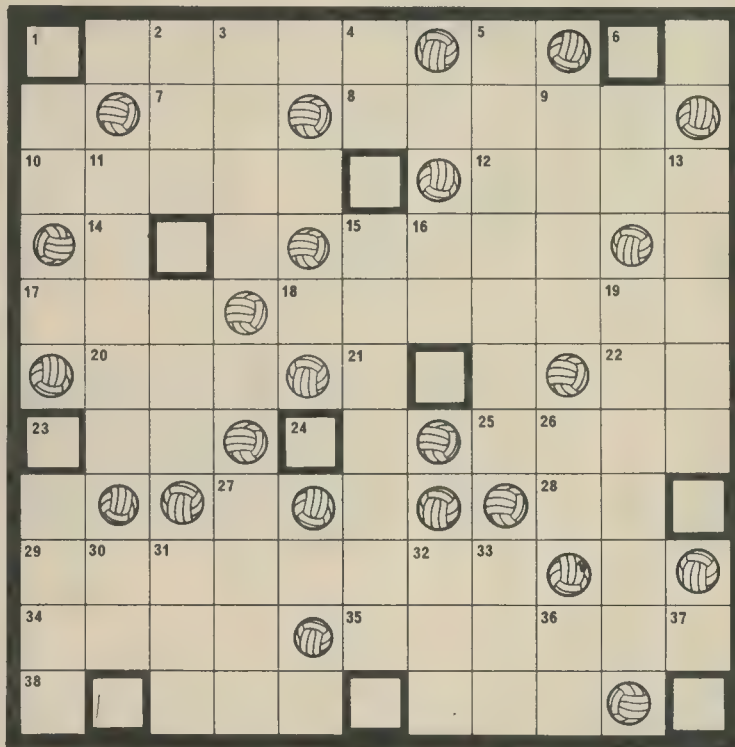
Soccer purists everywhere must hope McLean's plea is heard and acted upon. He has done his best for Dundee United... it is now up to the fans.



Paul Hegarty is proving a big success at centre-half for Dundee United.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Coventry City midfield player. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:—

- (1) — Brooking, West Ham and England midfielder.
- (6) Mike Ma-on-y of Newcastle.
- (7) So--rset Park of Ayr United.
- (8) In one sense — vigilant. As a player needs to be "wide —".
- (10) — Road ground of Crewe Alexandra.
- (12) A leg is one, for instance.
- (14) White H--- Lane, home of Spurs.
- (15) Keith Berts---, Birmingham City striker.
- (17) Stamford -r-d-e, home of Chelsea.
- (18) Home city of Clyde.
- (20) Dave -t-w-r-t of Leeds United.
- (21) Jo- Ro-l- of Bristol City.
- (22) -a-view Park, East Fife.
- (23) Colour of card shown by the ref when a player is sent-off.
- (24) Li-- Brady of Arsenal.
- (25) Steve F-nni---on (Chelsea). "Locate" from the omissions.
- (28) A long way from Forfar Athletic!
- (29) Intuition or innate impulse.
- (34) Take four letters from Queens Park for a part of the neck.
- (35) Gordon —, Aston Villa striker.
- (38) Frank —, Arsenal striker.

- (3) Singlet or athletic garment.
- (4) Liverpool and England 'keeper. (3 & 11)
- (5) -a-t--l-e -t-dium (Bristol Rovers home). Cases made from the missing letters.
- (6) Take three letters from Emlyn Hughes for a clothing border.
- (9) Andy —, Everton midfield or striker.
- (11) -lb-on -ov-r- (Scots Div. II). Lift up from the missing letters.
- (13) Ian —, Nottingham Forest midfield player.
- (16) Dave --rve-, Leeds United goalkeeper.
- (19) Wes- -r-mw-ch -lbio-. Get from the omissions.
- (23) Goes faster with "me" in the middle to the ancient buildings!
- (26) --orentina (Italian club). The missing letters reversed.
- (27) Alex ----ney of Manchester United.
- (30) — Lofthouse, "Footballer of the Year", 1952/3.
- (31) ---rta. Resort needed to complete the Dutch League club.
- (32) Craven ---tage, Fulham.
- (33) Falkirk are in Division — of the Scottish Football League.
- (36) Alan H--son of Liverpool.
- (37) -tuart B-am, Middlesbrough defender.

DOWN:—

- (1) Pull hard or violently.
- (2) Came out into view (like the players from the tunnel!).

From the Press box, Sportswriters get a much clearer view of a game than players. Hampden Park's Press box is on top of the main stand.



'IF ONLY THE PRESS COULD SWOP JOBS WITH PLAYERS...'

Tartan Talk
DANNY McGRAIN

AND so it goes on! Danny McGrain, one-time footballer, is still missing from action.

I just hope when I do get back to business I won't have forgotten how to play the game. It has been a long time now since I kicked a ball in earnest.

Meanwhile, my lay-off has given me the chance to look at this game of ours through a different pair of eyes ... those used by my good friends the sportswriters.

Often maligned, but then not as often as they malign others, everyone appreciates they are a vital part of the professional football set-up.

But what a good idea it would be if they could swap jobs with the players for a season or so. Watching the game from the stand, as I have been for the last couple of months, I appreciate you frequently see things you don't spot on the park.

I suppose that is what inspires writers, watching from the heights of the Press box, to shake their heads in disbelief when a player fails to see a space that is glaringly obvious from the aerial position.

It prompts them, too, to ask why managers and coaches insist on sweating it out from the touchline dug-out where it is difficult to see what is happening on the other side of the park, rather than take

advantage of the high spots of the stand.

Well, speaking for Celtic I know manager Jock Stein tried sitting in the stand a while back and linked himself to the dug-out with the help of a telephone.

But he didn't like the system and was soon back in his touchline position. That's the place where he has found the inspiration to guide Celtic to every glory in the game, so who can argue with the recipe?

I think the Scottish sportswriters could learn a little from their English counterparts. Down South they seem to glamourise the game more and so help to attract bigger crowds.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not asking anyone to tell lies, but I don't see any point in running things down too much.

Personally I don't pay too much attention to what the writers have to say about my game. That way if they say I was magic I won't get big-headed, but equally if they reckon I was rubbish I won't be worrying too much.

Admittedly there are some players who believe anything and watch every word the Press have to say.

Of course, sometimes it is just circumstances that add up to a misconception.

When we drew 3-3 with St. Mir-

ren at Love Street just before Christmas, Saints' Jackie Copland was sent-off for allegedly punching our Johannes Edvaldsson.

The pictures in the papers showed big Jackie in Muhammad Ali style, about it seemed to throw a frightening knuckle sandwich.

But Jackie didn't punch Johannes, although I suppose those pictures would convince half the sporting world he did. The two players even had a laugh over it all when they met at a party two days later.

Meanwhile, I am still keeping in trim waiting for this glorious day when the doc says I can play again. I work out in the mornings at Parkhead with the help of medicine balls and weights and as I have said before, when the injury does clear up I will be able to count myself ready for selection right away.

And that day can't come soon enough!

Incidentally, talking of that game at Love Street started me thinking of how strange it is how ten men usually play so well after a colleague has been sent-off.

When Copland went for the early bath St. Mirren started to play out of their skins and went 3-1 ahead. In the end a great fightback got Celtic a point, but I think we can consider that a point lost, not won.

If we are to catch Rangers in the race for the Championship it is imperative we don't throw away any silly points.

And on the subject of Championship matches, none come much more vital than this Saturday's shoot-out at Pittodrie against Aberdeen (January 14th).

Aberdeen, overflowing with class players, should be much more of a threat to the Old Firm than they are, but somewhere they continue to go wrong when it really counts.

They are a good side and have proved they do have what it takes to get to the top. But take it from me, it's not getting there that counts, but STAYING there.

The reason Rangers and Celtic are so strong is because of experience. We know what it is like to have everyone in the country gunning for you, but when Aberdeen get up there and start setting the pace, they seem to crack up.

Mind you, now Billy McNeill has really settled in, things may be different. No one in football knows more about the pressures of being on top of things than big Caesar.

Who knows, 1978 may just be his year.

I hope it is yours ...
See you in two weeks ...

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' SKIPPER JOHN GREIG

**WE TRACE THE CAREER OF ONE OF
SCOTLAND'S GREATEST PLAYERS
OF THE MOMENT...**

KENNY DALGLISH — MAN OF MAGIC

EVEN in these crazy financial times nearly half a million pounds is a bargain price-tag for very few things.

The customer who writes a cheque for £440,000 wants an article of style, class and downright usefulness. At best he probably expects value for money.

At Liverpool Football Club where they have a reputation for canniness they have achieved the impossible dream by spending that kind of money on one player. Such was the return for their money some Koppites are calling it robbery.

The player of course is Kenny Dalglish, bought from Scottish Champions Celtic to replace Kevin Keegan, who in turn just happened to make himself an Anfield legend before he was transferred to Hamburger SV for £500,000.

In the few short months since, Dalglish has won the hearts of red Merseyside, played in a European Super Cup winning side and made that price tag look like a leftover from the January sales.

It is, however, no more than those who know him well expected.

Kenny had "greatness" written all over him from the first time he kicked a ball.

Brought up within the smell of an Ibex pie and Bovril, it was openly predicted that he would one day captain Rangers.

Such is the irony of our game Dalglish instead became successor to the legend of Billy McNeill as skipper of Celtic. In Glasgow, where they take their stargazing seriously, there was a sudden excess of crystal balls for sale.

But then, that has always been the essence of the Kenny Dalglish magic.

He is a player with a flair for the unexpected, a man who can turn on



the magic when all around him are smitten with the mundane. It was Kenny Dalglish remember who cheekily back-heeled the ball and made Wales' Ian Evans turn it into his own goal for the winning goal in a World Cup qualifying match against Wales at Hampden over a year ago.

Former team-mate Danny McGrain, who assumed the Dalglish role as skipper of Celtic, calls him "The greatest player in the world." Only fans of Johan Cruyff would be in any position to argue.

If Denis Law was the original golden boy of world football, then Dalglish, a fellow Scot, is his successor in the 1970's.

Kenny gives the Midas touch to everything he puts his mind to.

He made his international debut against Belgium coming on as a sub in 1971 at Aberdeen and since then has become the key figure in Scotland's most successful five years at that level of football.

It is inevitable he will overtake Denis Law's record as the country's most capped player as he stands on

the threshold of another series of World Cup Finals matches.

He played in all three of Scotland's unbeaten games in the 1974 Finals in West Germany and nearly broke his heart when the Scots went out on goal-difference to the Brazilians.

He is confident Scotland can do so much better in South America this time under the command of Ally MacLeod... although he would mean that as no reflection on Willie Ormond for whom Kenny has the greatest respect.

It was, after all, Ormond who stood by Dalglish in the face of heavy pressure from all sides. The argument was Dalglish's Scotland performances seldom matched those for Celtic. Ormond continued to play his man



LEFT... Wales' Ian Evans can do nothing but turn the ball into his own goal against Scotland in a World Cup qualifying game at Hampden.

and was proved right.

The twin threat of Dalglish and Jordan, with our man feeding off the brilliant Leeds' player, has proved to be a recipe that will strike fear into the hearts of every international defence in Argentina.

The boys at the back of England, Ireland, Wales and Czechoslovakia haven't been all that delighted about it either recently!

But what of the early days of this young man who has stormed the football world?

Born in Glasgow, he spent his early football life playing for the brilliant Glasgow United who achieved at amateur level the same success rate as Celtic did at the senior grade at the same time.

They were, in short, better acquainted with silver than the Lone Ranger!

Kenny, inevitably the star of the side, was picked up... not as his friends expected by Rangers, but... by Celtic.

He was immediately farmed out to



Dalglish (dark shirt) gets in a shot despite the attention of Brazil defender Mario Marinho in the 1974 World Cup Finals.



Kenny relaxes with his wife Marina, daughter Kelly and baby son Paul.

the junior side Cumbernauld United and there again became a winner. The only reason for Celts' action was because they had a first team who just happened to be good enough to win the European Cup.

But they soon had Dalglish back at Parkhead.

They put him into the reserve side ... and what a reserve side!

His team-mates included Danny McGrain, Davie Hay (now Chelsea), Lou Macari — another bargain, this time at £200,000 for Manchester United, George Connolly the brilliant international sweeper who quit the game at the peak of his career, Paul Wilson (now a first team regular), and Vic Davidson (now the star of the Motherwell Premier Division side).

Then Dalglish exploded into the first team.

He hit the net more regularly than a suicidal herring and in his first season blasted his way to a national newspaper's Player of the Year award.

Jock Stein played him in a striker's role in those days, but such was the talent of this youngster he was the epitome of the phrase "total football."

He was never tested, but he was probably the best goalkeeper at Celtic Park, too.

Dalglish had the world at his feet. He met and married Marina and moved to Newton Mearns into a fabulous bungalow. The Mearns is the home of Glasgow's top people. Dalglish was not out of place.

Kenny needed financial worries like British Leyland need a strike, so he appointed himself an agent to get him some business outside of playing football.

The guy with the easiest job was Tony Meehan, who also took Sandy Jardine of Rangers under his wing.

Kenny promoted everything from carpets to cars and even made a record with Jardine called "Each Saturday". The Jardine-Dalglish songsters called themselves "The New Firm".

One sportswriter penned at the time after reviewing the record: "As singers, Dalglish and Jardine are probably the best players in Scotland."

The record never made the top ten, but it did make money. And it did bring Kenny to the position where he was arguably the most famous face in Scotland.

He started a family and the arrival of his daughter Kelly, was treated with all the fuss of a royal birth ...

which to Celtic fans it just about was.

Then in 1975, just at the start of the first-ever Premier Division, Dalglish dropped a bombshell and gave the first sign of his unrest at Parkhead.

He asked for a transfer — for financial reasons — but the worries were soon over.

Celts made him skipper in succession to Billy McNeill, who had retired after winning more honours than anyone in the history of the game in Britain, and Kenny stayed put.

In his first season as captain he failed to win anything, but made up for it when Celtic lifted the Premier Division title and the Scottish Cup in 1976-77. That year too, the Parkhead men were very unlucky not to win the League Cup when they were beaten by Aberdeen in the Final.

Dalglish was on top of the Scottish football world. He had his own weekly column in a Glasgow Evening newspaper as well as his bi-weekly page in SHOOT!

At the end of last season Celts were Champions, Dalglish-inspired Scotland were British Champions, and a place in the Finals of the World Cup was just around the corner.

Then the transfer story of the decade broke.

Celtic were about to fly out to the Far East and Australia for a close season tour on which they would meet Arsenal and Red Star of Belgrade in a spectacular tournament.

Kenny asked Jock Stein if he could be excused from the trip because it would have meant four years of non-stop football.

The Celtic boss agreed to the request, but as Celtic went about winning the four-sided tourney in Australia in style, the air back home was rife with rumour and counter-rumour.

Kenny's name was linked with everyone, including Bayern Munich and even Real Madrid, but Jock Stein

refused to say anything from Down Under and the player himself declined to comment until his manager's return.

At the end of the day, the transfer, which looked on the cards, came as a surprise.

Kenny Dalglish played his last game for Celtic in the unlikely setting of East End Park against Dunfermline. The green-and-white legions who had worshipped him for so long were few and far between to witness the historic night.

Transfer negotiations were completed at midnight.

Not surprisingly Liverpool manager Bob Paisley was delighted with his new signing. But what of Celtic?

It has never been their policy to force unhappy players to stay at Parkhead and in the past they have proved their philosophy by selling Davie Hay and Lou Macari.

They have repaid the service of some of their greats by awarding them free transfers ... Jimmy Johnstone and Bobby Murdoch were allowed to negotiate their own signing-on fees with their new clubs.

But it was ambition and not money that took Kenny Dalglish away from Celtic.

He said in SHOOT at the time he wanted to stretch for new horizons and try new things. Being as he is the

ultimate professional, he wants to take his game to the limits. He felt he couldn't do that with Celtic.

When Dalglish left, the Scottish Champions struggled. They crashed from the European Cup and found themselves second from bottom of the Premier Division.

Down South, Kenny made his debut in the F.A. Charity Shield at Wembley against Manchester United, facing, ironically, former team-mate and buddy Lou Macari.

His skills were the talk of The Kop and Emlyn Hughes called him the fittest player he had ever seen. Dalglish stormed Liverpool and the English First Division in his own inimitable style and the terracing lyricists were up all night writing new songs in honour of their idol.

When Scotland played Wales at Anfield in the World Cup, Ally's Army outpenned the Red Army with one banner which read: "Kenny is cooler than the Fonz".

As it happens Celtic have started to pick up points as they chase Rangers in the title hunt. The players will argue they won the competition in Australia without Kenny ... and that is undeniably true.

But if you own ten Jaguars and one Rolls-Royce and you sell that Rolls ... then you will miss that something different for the real touch of class.

Celtic players chair captain Dalglish after their Premier Division Championship win last season. Kenny puts pen to paper (right) and signs for European Champions Liverpool for £440,000.



Dai Davies, in the Welsh goal, is given no chance as Dalglish's close-range header goes in for Scotland's second goal.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time

1. Study the recent action photo of Queens Park Rangers v. Manchester United and answer the following questions: (a) Who played in goal for the London club, (b) what was the full-time score and (c) was the attendance at Loftus Road 20,367, 25,367 or 30,367?

2. Liverpool progressed to the League Cup Quarter-Finals when they beat Coventry City 2-0 in a replay. (a) Where was the game played and (b) who scored Liverpool's first goal?

3. Peterborough United and Swansea City both went through

to the F.A. Cup Third Round when they won their Second Round replays. Can you name their respective opponents?

4. Everton's Dave Thomas began his League career with which Second Division club?

5. Wimbledon recently secured the services of Brian Bithell on a free transfer. From which club did he move?

6. Can you name the two clubs in opposition if the 1964-65 League Cup winners met the First Division Champions of the same season?

7. For which countries do the following international stars play: (a) Ralf Eldstrom, (b) Romeo Benetti and (c) Luiz Pereira?

8. David Cross was recently transferred to West Ham for around £170,000. He had previously played for Coventry City, West Brom, Norwich City and

Rochdale — but not in that order. Can you arrange his clubs in the correct sequence?

9. Two players who skipped Nottingham Forest and Notts County during last season have since swapped clubs. Name the players.

10. Which Scottish clubs play at: (a) Dens Park, (b) Shawfield Stadium and (c) Douglas Park?

ANSWERS:

1. (a) Derek Richardson, (b) a 2-2 draw, (c) 25,367. 2. (a) Highfield Road, (b) home of Coventry, (c) Jimmy Case, 3. Gillingham and Portsmouth, 4. Burnley, 5. Stoke, 6. Chelsea and Manchester United, 7. (a) Sweden, (b) Italy, (c) Brazil, 8. Rochdale, Norwich, Coventry and West Brom, 9. Sammy Chapman — ex-Forest now County and David Needham — ex-County now Forest, 10. (a) Dundee, (b) Clyde, (c) Hamilton.



GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across: (1) Trevor, (6) He, (7) Mo, (8) Awake, (10) Gresty, (12) Limb, (14) Art, (15) Chin, (17) Big, (18) Glasgow, (20) Sea, (21) Eye, (22) By, (23) Red, (24) Am, (25) Site, (26) Far, (29) Instinct, (34) Nepe, (35) Cowans, (38) Stapleton. Down: (1) Tug, (2) Emerged, (3) Vest, (4) Ray Clemence, (5) Valises, (6) Hem, (9) King, (11) Raise, (13) Bowyer, (16) Hay, (19) Obtain, (23) Ruins, (26) If, (27) Stop, (30) Nat, (31) Spa, (32) Cot, (33) Two, (36) An, (37) So.

(Jumbled Name: TERRY YORATH)

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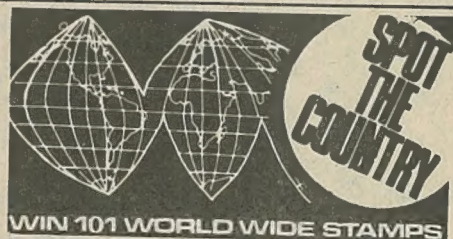
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How about a Special Medal for these COMEBACK KINGS

COME next May there'll be more than an F.A. Cup Final and the British Championship to worry about. Players who reckon they've had quite a season will be wondering whether they are going to pick up that bonus trophy — Footballer of the Year.

The original award voted, as it always has been by the Football Writers Association, has become so meaningful others have copied the idea and dish out their own trophies. Even the Professional Footballers' Association — the players' union — choose their own man at the top.

But two footballers who won't qualify for any of the big ones deserve more than a pat on the back and a bottle of champagne to celebrate something really tremendous.

No, they haven't set their sights on a League Championship or Cup-winners medal. They are just glad to be back. Because at one stage both players have been reckoned to have no chance of playing again, let alone getting in on the honours list.

Guess who? Yes, it won't take

long to pinpoint Colin Viljoen and Paul Futcher.

Viljoen, the super schemer of Ipswich Town, is back again. And that, despite a run of injuries that kept him on the sidelines for 25 months.

Futcher, another super guy on and off the field, was playing so well as a central-defender for Luton Town England kept their eyes on him and put him on the road to the top in the Under-21 team.

But a car crash that left him with a broken shoulder and six fractured ribs might have been enough to have waved goodbye to a soccer career that had been good but faced the best years to come.

Of course, you need a lot of professional help when you find yourself on an unhappy run of soccer injuries, or even one big one that looks bad enough to send you into the grandstand to sit it out for the rest of your sporting life.

You may need a top orthopaedic surgeon or somebody else who is a "Mister" not just a family doctor in the medical profession. You cer-

tainly need a cracker of a club physiotherapist as you fight your way back.

But as well, and in some cases, something to top it all, is a heart of gold and a determined mind that combine to give you the strength of the Rock of Gibraltar.

Both Viljoen and Futcher can stand on top of the rock and demand a crown to fit them. That's just what they deserve. But how did they do it? We know what their managers, their team-mates and their fans think. But let's hear from the lads themselves.

Says Viljoen, the man who gave up his South African nationality to play for England: "I had four Achilles tendon operations — two in each leg — and a spell in a rehabilitation centre. That was enough for 25 months.

"People wrote me off. I never had any doubts myself I would play First Division football again. I hope I've at last answered the knockers. Some were supporters and some were even players who say out of my earshot — 'He'll never play again'.

"As well as the tendons, I've had about 22 other injuries in two years. Hamstring, thigh, groin and calf strains, all the kind of injuries to keep you out for two or three weeks at a time.

"The important thing is I'm not only physically fit, but I also feel sure the bad days are behind me."

The road to recovery has pleased Futcher so much that weeks ago he sent a message to Ron Green-

wood telling the England boss he expected to be back in action soon.

Says Paul: "I owe a lot to swimming. I go every day and I've got rid of all the pain from my chest and shoulder. Plus swimming has built up my muscles again.

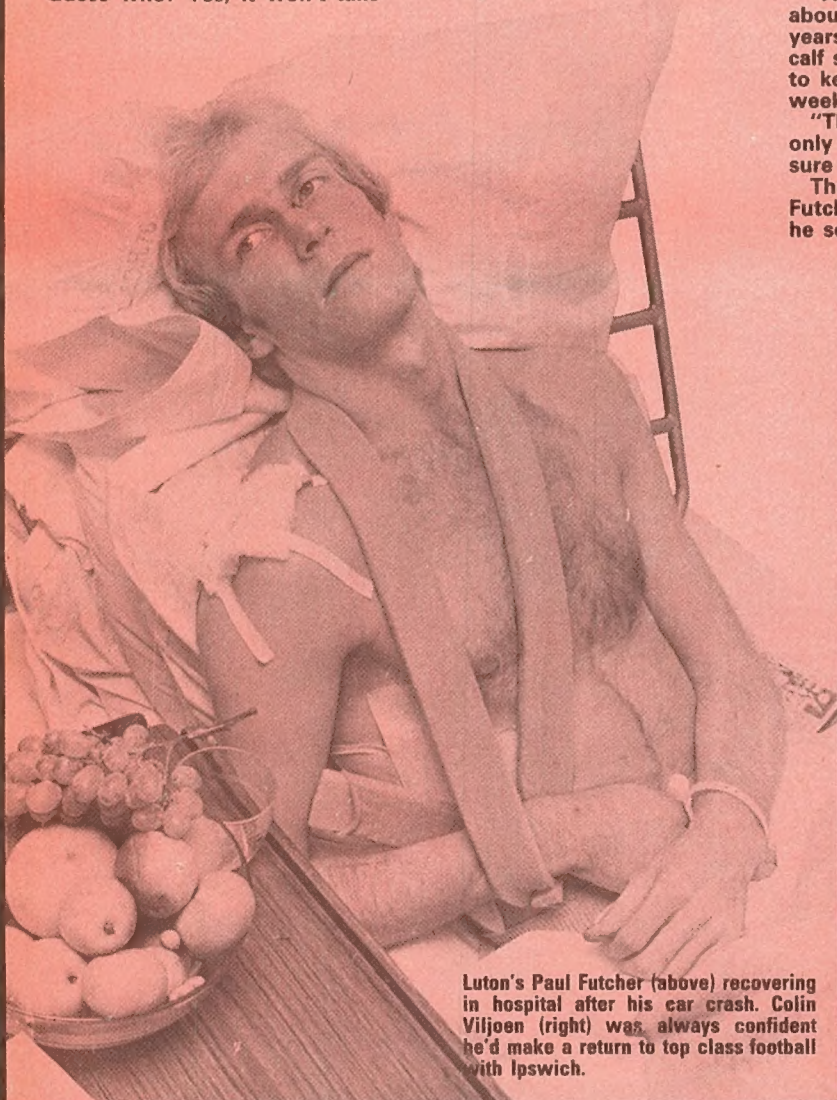
"I can't remember anything about the accident or during the six days I was in intensive care. But I do remember 1977 wasn't my year in one way. I broke an ankle in June and had to cancel a trip to America because of it.

"It's a long way back, but I've felt better and better and knew I was on the way back to training. It was nice to hear people say I would have been in the England squad for the final World Cup game against Italy. That gives me a big enough reason to get back as soon as possible.

"I'm told other clubs were making offers to Luton for my transfer before the accident.

"I'm happy to leave everything to boss Harry Haslam. I've got complete faith in him because I reckon you won't find a more honest person. I'm happy at Luton, too. You can take it from me I mean it when I say until the time arrives when Harry feels a move would be best for me and the club I'll stay where I am."

That's good news for Luton Town. But like Viljoen, Futcher says nothing about his own courage that deserves a medal. Come to think of it who would be willing to provide both of them with a special award this May?



Luton's Paul Futcher (above) recovering in hospital after his car crash. Colin Viljoen (right) was always confident he'd make a return to top class football with Ipswich.



For an example of a model professional, you need to look no farther than Anfield. Liverpool's hard man Tommy Smith (right) in aerial acrobatics with Queens Park Rangers and Republic of Ireland striker Don Givens.



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